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Public Safety Committee



FROM TOWN HALL

Dan Kortvelesy
Councilman

The purpose of this article is to provide an update of the recent activity of the Public Safety Committee (PSC). As a quick review, the Seabrook Island Public Safety Committee is a standing committee of the town which was established by ordinance of Town Council. The five-member committee is chaired by an assigned member of Town Council. The remaining at-large members are recommended by the chair and appointed by the full Council. Committee members serve for a two-year term which runs concurrent with the terms of the Mayor and Town Council.

One of the responsibilities of the committee is to coordinate with emergency service providers including, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire suppression and emergency medical services, to plan for and respond to potentially unsafe or life-threatening situations. For example, during the recent emergency situation with Hurricane Ian, the PSC lead a meeting of the Disaster Recovery Council which included the St. Johns Fire District among other groups, where preparation activities and organizational read-

iness was the focus of the discussion. One of the PSC goals for 2022 was to engage in conversation with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The committee met twice with various deputies to discuss topics of interest and concern to both groups. The first meeting was held during the July regular meeting of the PSC. At this time, the main point of the dialogue centered around traffic patrols and speed control on Seabrook Island Road from the gate to the circle at Freshfields. In addition, we extended the discussion to include Betsy Kerrison Pkwy.

The initial conversation focused upon the extent of the patrols on SI Road. This led the deputy to mention how the members of the traffic division were allocated for each shift. The largest issue facing the Traffic Division at that time was the lack of personnel. Just like many other organizations, this group is experiencing difficulty finding sufficient, qualified candidates for the positions they have. And, yes, this does have a significant impact on the Traffic Division's ability to provide the necessary coverage. One needs to remember that this group is responsible for traffic enforcement for the entire county. A very large area!

With their current staff, the traffic division uses various metrics to identify the areas where they will be concentrating the patrols. Some of the measures include: accident data, traffic counts, citizen complaints, past identified areas. This will lead to some areas being targeted for enforcement more

often than others. The PSC tried to be clear that additional patrols of SI Rd. and Betsy Kerrison Pkwy. are needed to make sure that our local roads are as safe as possible.

At the October meeting of the PSC, the conversation with the CC Sheriff's Office continued. This time with two members of the Kiawah patrol who spoke about community outreach and the educational programs that the Sheriff's office offers. We started the discussion by attempting to identify community events that could be enhanced by the educational programs. The committee's thoughts immediately went to the summer "food truck" program being held at town hall. The deputies agreed that this would be an appropriate venue for their department to set up a "table" and engage with the residents and visitors of Seabrook Island. Also, the suggestion was made to have a Public Safety Fair at the Lake House (or other venue) where people would be able to drop in and discuss various public safety issues. In addition, the proposal was made to include other appropriate agencies.

The "topics" that would be a part of the events would be wide and varied. One that was widely supported was that of "Identity Theft and Identity Fraud". Included in that topic would be "Cons and Scams".

According to the material shared by the deputies, the question of what one can do to protect yourself and be a smart consumer is often asked. Suggestions include:

1. Never give personal information,
 2. Never call a 900 number to claim a prize,
 3. Don't succumb to the pressure of an aggressive con artist,
 4. Be aware of health products and treatments that promise fast and amazing results and/or cures,
 5. Be aware of any cheap repair work or other home improvement that ordinarily would be expensive.
- These and other important subjects would be part of any educational outreach program.

So, what's ahead for 2023? The PSC will continue our dialog with the CC Sheriff's Office. We have made a good first step and think it's important to continue our meetings in the future. The committee will also remain focused on the task of being sure that we are as prepared as possible for any weather emergency. There are lots of people that help the PSC do this important task, most volunteers. To them we would like to offer a sincere "thank you".

I would also like to recognize the members of the PSC. Ed Maher, vice chair; Virginia Lark Asbelle; Frank Farfone; and Art Jones. Their willingness to be a part of this group and offer constructive suggestions and ideas is greatly appreciated.

And finally, on behalf of the members of the PSC, we would like to wish all a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season!▲

Seabrook Island Utility Commission Overview

In the last few weeks, the Seabrook Island Utility Commission (SIUC) has received a handful of questions regarding our water and sewer service obligations and questions about available and future sewer treatment capacity. Below is a bit of history and an overview of the current status.

Service Area Obligations

The Town of Seabrook Island purchased the water and sewer business from a private entity in 1995 through an Ordinance that established the Seabrook Island Utility Commission. At that time the Town agreed to accept the existing obligations to provide sewer treatment to limited areas outside of Seabrook. These included Cassique, Kiawah River Estates, Freshfields and the existing Bohicket Marina. Included in this obligation is future development at or near Freshfields, and property along Seabrook Island Road including SeaFields and the proposed MUSC facility. Regarding water supply, SIUC supplies water to Seabrook Island and land on the marina side of Seabrook Island Road only (the proposed MUSC facility and the marina itself).

It remains our intent to service the existing sewer obligations but not to proactively take on extra obligations. If the Town chooses to annex a property, SIUC would then serve that new property as it would then belong to

the Town. If the Town chooses not to annex a nearby property, SIUC would not (and could not without Town's approval) choose to provide service to such a property.

Capacity

Water Capacity - SIUC purchases all the water we deliver to our customers from St. John's Water Company, which in turn purchases it from Charleston Water. We do not and cannot treat the water in any way as we are not licensed to do so. We simply pass the already treated water from St. Johns Water to our customers. We have plenty of water capacity to serve our mainly Seabrook customers.

Sewer Capacity - For all new customers, it is our policy (similar to many utilities) that new customers build their own sewer lines at their cost all the way to our main line and then deed that infrastructure to SIUC. Regarding the impact a new customer has on the larger sewer treatment infrastructure and the potential cost to expand our treatment capacity, SIUC believes that existing customers should not have to foot this bill. As such, we charge all incoming customers an impact fee when they connect. In the past two years we have increased this impact fee roughly 300% based on engineering studies that estimate what our future sewer treatment expansion would look like and those said costs. Not surprisingly

these costs have increased in the last couple of years and as such so has our impact fee.

Our existing sewer treatment capacity is 1.1 million gallons/day. On most days we treat between 40% and 60% of our maximum capacity (so 400,000 - 600,000 gallons per day). That said, a sewer treatment facility would not want to run at or near full capacity given periodic planned and unplanned maintenance outages.

The following is a high-level view of the impact of new or potential projects near Seabrook that we are obligated to serve if they are built. These are estimates but they provide a general idea. Capacity estimates are based on average flow not peak flow. None of these projects are built and none of these projects have paid any impact fee.

- **Seafields Senior Living** - 36,000 gallons/day (gpd) peak flow - Actual daily flow will probably average 24,000 gpd. This is about 2.2% of our capacity.
- **MUSC** - 6,000 gpd peak flow - Actual daily flow will probably average 4,000 gpd. This is 0.4% of our capacity.
- **The new Grocery Store and Retail** (Kiawah Partners) - 12,000 gpd peak flow - Actual daily flow will probably average 8,000 gpd. This is 0.8% of our capacity.
- **Marina expansion** - 10,675 gpd peak flow - Actual daily flow will probably average 7,136 gpd. This is approx-

imately 0.7% of our capacity. Note that we are only going to serve this facility if the Town decides to annex the property.

• **Potential Andell 400 acres adjacent to Freshfields** (Kiawah Partners) at four units/acre = 480,000 gpd peak flow - Actual daily flow will probably average 320,000 gpd. This is much more significant at 30% of our capacity.

To conclude, SIUC is obligated to provide sewer service to most of the anticipated growth areas immediately outside of Seabrook. When these developments are built out, the development is directly responsible for installing and paying for all the infrastructure for their development to the point of hook up with the SIUC system. Further, the developments pay an impact fee to SIUC that goes towards their share of future capacity infrastructure. Thus, these developments should not financially impact existing SIUC customers.

SIUC is actively planning for the future needs of our customers and we are committed to continuing to provide excellent service both in water and sewage. ▲

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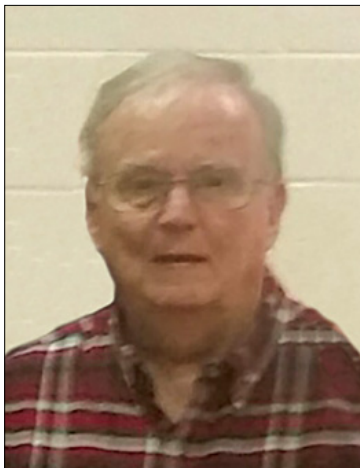
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Joe Leslie Wells, 80, of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, husband of Mary Elizabeth Finan Wells, entered into eternal rest Thursday, September 15, 2022. Joe was born March 9, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, son of the late Victor Perry Wells and Anna James Wells. He received his PhD in crystal-

lography from Tulane University and worked for DuPont for many years, first as a chemist and later as a human resources consultant. Joe was passionate about classical music, particularly opera; he sang in the Tulane Choir and then in various local choirs throughout his life including the Island Choralliers. He also loved traveling, playing golf, good food, and good friends.

Joe is survived by Mary, his wife of 48 years; his sister, Vicki Wells Bennett (Gene); his cousin, David James (Loretta); four brothers-in-law: John Finan (Barbara), Daniel Finan (Rebecca); Timothy Finan (Carla); William Finan (Maeve); and 13 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, where Joe volunteered for many years (2545 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455) or to the Charleston Symphony (Attn: Development Department, P.O. Box 30818, Charleston, SC 29417). ▲



Grief Support Group on Seabrook Island

Have you experienced the death of a loved one and wondered how to live with your grief? Because each person's grief is unique there is no one or right way to navigate the waves of grief nor is there a timetable for grief. So what can be helpful?

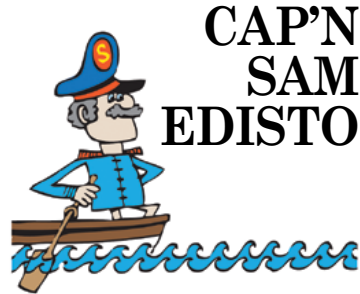
Peer support groups are one type of help for those faced with loss. Many people find comfort in the companionship of group support, knowing they are not alone in their experience of grief, and having a break from the loneliness and isolation that is often felt. By listening to stories and perspectives of others, new ideas for coping emerge and this offers hope that one can survive loss. And it's also not unusual for some comic relief to occur in the form of laughter and lightness. Grief is not a club anyone wants to belong to; once you're in it though,

there is a great benefit to feeling understood, accepted and validated by others.

The Grief Group on Seabrook Island is a peer support group that meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Eagle's Nest room at the Lake House. Led by a facilitator, the meeting starts in a circle where participants are invited to share what is on their minds. There is no pressure to share if one is uncomfortable doing so. The meeting is then followed by a simple dinner with casual, friendly conversation for those who wish to stay. New members are warmly welcomed.

The next meeting is **Thursday, December 15 at 4:30 pm**, (instead of the usual Wednesday date) at the Lake House. For more information, contact Mary Fleck at 908-208-6640. ▲

Mary Fleck



CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,
 Nancy Buck / Seabrook

What a beautiful article in the Seabrooker: Rainy Days and Lost Luggage about the wedding the Carroll-Rawlings wedding that was cancelled due to Hurricane Ian. This is the Seabrook we all love and revere! It's a touching story of how our community rallied together to help this couple have a beautiful weekend to remember! Kudos to all who helped. Best Wishes to Courtney and Sean!

Marjorie Stephenson / Seabrook

It was a great story Dani Wilson / Seabrook I love seeing positive posts. Wishing them a lifetime of happiness.

Allison Hill / Seabrook
Such a wonderful story of a community coming together to help each other out! Congrats to the newlyweds! ♥

Nancy Beaudway / Seabrook
Such a wonderful article. It's so heartwarming to hear about the outreach of our community. Thanks Meg.

Elaine Davis / Seabrook
Thanks, Meg! Beautiful article about community spirit! ▲

Dear Cap'n Sam:

I wish to provide a response to Mayor Gregg's comments in the November issue of The Seabrooker that "the Town has made significant progress to achieve effective regulation of short-term rental operations."

1. Since the Town published their Ad Hoc Committee Report on Short-Term Rentals in May 2022, the number of short-term rentals on Seabrook has grown by 6%, from 518 to 550. This means that approximately 24% of all developed properties on Seabrook are now short-term rentals. While some of the growth over the past six months can be attributed to improved efforts to identify properties that have been operating illegally, a certain portion of this growth stems from the Town's refusal to take any real action to curb the growth of short-term rentals on Seabrook. Both the Mayor and certain Town Council members like to propagate the myth that many residents have taken out short-term rental per-

mits out of fear they are going to be restricted in the future. This is simply not true as the vast majority of properties on the Town's list are advertised online and currently available for rental. Thus, the 550 rental properties (24% of all developed properties) is an accurate number.

2. The reality is the Town of Seabrook has one of the weakest short-term rental ordinances in the greater Charleston area. Almost every neighboring community has lower occupancy levels, caps or complete bans on short-term rentals, higher licensing fees, fines for violations, stricter rule enforcement, and policies in place to address violations. Given practically every other community in the greater Charleston area has been proactive in addressing concerns related to short-term rentals, it is unclear why our Town Council has been reluctant to do so. In fact, Seabrook's short-term rental ordinance is weaker than many other coastal communities in South Carolina. For example, even Myrtle Beach has a complete ban on short-term rentals in residential areas. Debordieu Colony, a gated community similar to Seabrook, requires week long rentals during the summer season. Our Mayor has made repeated statements that he opposes all caps on short-term rentals but has failed to provide a rationale to support this belief, other than he doesn't believe there are any problems regarding short-term rentals.

3. Two of our neighboring coastal communities, Folly Beach and Isle of Palms, are currently in the process of taking action to address the proliferation of short-term rentals in their communities. Folly Beach recently imposed a moratorium on the issuance of any additional short-term rental licenses while their City Council considers an ordinance proposed by a citizens' group to lower the number of rentals in the Town from 1,200 to 800. If their City Council fails to pass the recommended ordinance, there will be a citizens' referendum vote on the ordinance. Isle of Palms has just completed a year long study that recommends placing restrictions on short-term rentals in certain residential areas of the town. Sullivan's Island has had a long standing ban on all short-term rentals. If Folly Beach and Isle of Palms impose restrictions, investors looking to purchase in one of the Charleston coastal areas will have no other option other than to look for investment opportunities on Seabrook or Kiawah.

4. At Seabrook, any citizens' requests to place restrictions on short-term rentals have met with opposition from the Mayor. As mentioned in Mr. Gregg's article, the Town's efforts to regulate short-term rentals focus al-

most exclusively on collecting fees for the Town, as evidenced by the recent hiring of a Short-Term Rental Compliance Manager and an additional full time Code Enforcement Officer. Furthermore, under the current short-term rental ordinance, enforcement is practically non-existent. When a resident makes a report of a violation at a short-term rental property, the enforcement officer contacts the rental property manager to request the violation be corrected. If the property manager can correct the concern in a "timely" manner, no violation is recorded. As a result, properties can have repeated complaints lodged against them with no violations being recorded and therefore no fines, no suspensions, and no license revocations can take place. Additionally, when rental properties are found to be operating without a permit or with an expired permit, they can continue to host guests however long it takes to complete the permitting process. By contrast, if a business is operating without a work permit or business license, the Town issues an immediate "Stop Work" order. All work must cease until the business pays the necessary fees and obtains the proper permits. Why are short-term rentals, which are businesses as evidenced by the fact they are required to have a business license, treated differently from other businesses operating in the Town? This differential treatment appears to be discriminatory, and I would hardly describe any of this as "effective regulation of short-term rental operations."

Seabrook has a long history of having rental properties in the community but now 24% of all developed properties are short-term rentals. As short-term rentals continue to proliferate, however, we have to begin to question at what point we risk losing what makes us unique as a community. The vast majority of people who purchased property on Seabrook chose Seabrook because of the residential nature of the community. If we wanted to live in a resort community with lots of rentals, crowded facilities, and transient guests, we could have purchased property in any number of such communities up and down the East Coast. We didn't do that but that appears to be what we're getting.

Mayor Gregg, leadership is about bringing people together who may not agree with each other to resolve policy differences. Instead, you and some members of Town Council have chosen to obfuscate the issues by conveying inaccurate information and refusing to engage with anyone who opposes your point of view.

Maybe it's time for a change at Town Hall. ▲

Susan McLaughlin



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Loss of Greenspace on Seabrook Island: What Are the Environmental Consequences?

By Barry Shedrow

Seabrook Island's wildlife habitat or greenspace has been significantly diminished due to habitat modification or land use change. Much of the island's once extensive forestland has been replaced by suburban development. Where greenspace does remain within the Seabrook Island Development (SID), it is fragmented and present in isolated patches. The progressive loss of greenspace on Seabrook Island is illustrated in Figures 1 – 3. Figure 1 shows the island in 1963. The predominant land cover is maritime forest. Jenkin's Point and the area northeast of Horseshoe Creek are cleared or under cultivation.

Greenspace provides multiple environmental benefits and the effects of its loss on the island's natural and human environments can be substantial. Following is a brief discussion of some of the environmental consequences potentially associated with the loss of greenspace on Seabrook.

Increased Flooding: Greenspace reduces the potential for flooding. Precipitation on greenspace is taken up by plant roots, absorbed by the soil column, or evaporated back into the atmosphere. The loss of greenspace has reduced the island's capacity to absorb rainfall and moderate runoff during storm events.

lutants in rainfall as it flows over the vegetation and percolates through the soil column. When greenspace is replaced by suburban development, water quality in downstream lakes and ponds may be adversely impacted. A suburban landscape possesses impermeable surface areas (e.g., roadways, rooftops, parking lots, driveways) which generate an increased volume of stormwater runoff. This runoff not only increases the potential for flooding and soil erosion but also increases pollutant loading (e.g., plant nutrients, heavy metals, organics, bacteria) to receiving lakes and ponds. In 2017, a study of selected lakes and ponds on the is-

imals. Construction of the SID transformed much of this forestland into a suburban landscape. With this loss of greenspace, the island's biological carrying capacity has been significantly reduced. Seabrook can no longer support the size and diversity of wildlife populations that it once did.

Reduced Biodiversity: Greenspace patches within the SID are isolated from each other by a matrix of roadways, homes, and fairways. This isolation impedes the movement of wildlife between patches. Gene flow between the respective patch populations is restricted. Due to a reduction in genetic variation,

and other environmental conditions within an edge habitat can provide an opportunity for the establishment of non-native plant species. A survey to determine the type, number, and location of invasive plant species on conserved greenspace and SIPOA properties was recently conducted. A program to eradicate the identified invasive plants has been implemented by SIPOA. Survey results can be viewed online at:

<https://sipoa1.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=41841c4480ae4641b3a257b71f8f1d03>.

Today, there are approximately 140 acres of undeveloped land left



Figure 1. Aerial Photograph of Seabrook Island in 1963.

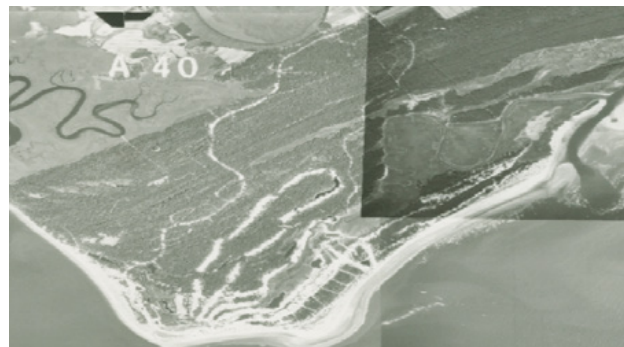


Figure 2. Aerial Photograph of Seabrook Island in 1973.

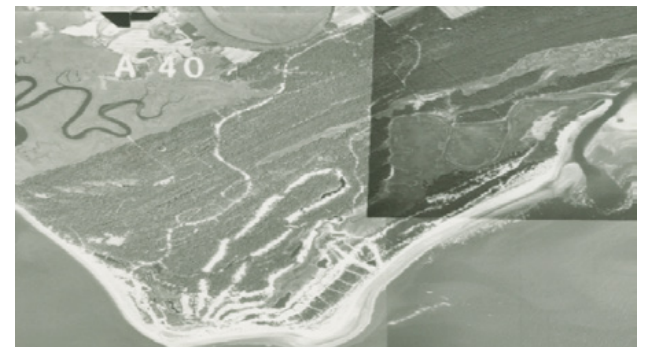


Figure 3. Aerial Photograph of Seabrook Island in 2020.

Figure 2 shows the island in 1973. The SID is under construction. Several roadways have been cut, water/sewerage infrastructure has been completed, and the Ocean Winds Golf course will soon be open for play. The fragmentation and loss of greenspace within the SID has begun.

Figure 3 shows the island in 2020. Most forestland within the SID has been replaced by suburban development. The greenspace that does remain is present in isolated patches. The largest tract of greenspace left on the Island is the approximately 300 acres of maritime forest and salt marsh within Camp St. Christopher (upper left-hand corner of photograph).

Degraded Air Quality: Greenspace purifies the air we breathe. Greenspace absorbs pollutant gases (e.g., carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides) and traps airborne particulates, effectively removing them from the atmosphere. Greenspace also produces oxygen as a by-product of photosynthesis. When greenspace vegetation dies, most of the carbon-laden biomass becomes buried in the soil column, preventing the release of carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere. It is likely that air quality on Seabrook has been diminished by the significant loss of greenspace.

Degraded Water Quality: Greenspace protects water quality. It does this by removing dissolved pol-

land was conducted by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA). Palmetto Lake and the Finger Lakes (excluding Mallard Lake) were found to possess high levels of plant nutrients. Elevated nutrient concentrations can increase a waterbody's biological productivity, making it prone to algal blooms, oxygen depletion, and fish kills. SIPOA is planning a follow-up study of selected island lakes and ponds to assess their water quality and determine if corrective actions are needed.

Loss of Wildlife Habitat: Wildlife require a habitat of sufficient size and quality to survive and propagate. Seabrook's once expansive maritime forest supported large and diverse populations of plants and an-

the ability of patch populations to produce offspring is reduced and the risk of local extinctions or diminished biodiversity is increased.

Introduction of Invasive Plant Species: Invasive plant species are defined as plants that are non-native and harmful to an established ecosystem. The introduction of invasive plant species on Seabrook Island is primarily due to human activities related to construction and landscaping. Habitat modification presents an opportunity for the establishment of invasive plant species. When a cleared lot is adjacent to undisturbed greenspace, an 'edge habitat' is formed where the two distinct ecosystems share a common boundary. Light, moisture

within the SID. Around 40 of these acres are protected from development by trusts and conservation easements. The remaining acreage is at risk of being lost to residential development. The SIPOA and Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy (SIGSC) are working jointly to acquire and conserve as much of this remaining greenspace as possible. If you wish to donate land, make a financial contribution, or learn more about Seabrook's land conservation program, please go to <https://www.SIGSC.net>. ▲



The Nominating Committee of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association is pleased to announce that seven candidates have agreed to run for four available positions on the Board of Directors and three candidates have agreed to run for two positions on the Nominating Committee. The current terms will expire for John Kinne, Chuck Riehl, and Chuck Cross. Sam Dolinsky's term will also expire, but he is running for another term.

The Nominating Committee reviewed 200 candidate recommendations and personally reached out to about 190 candidates. We are grateful for those who have agreed to serve. The names of the candidates who have agreed to run for the Board or the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Board of Directors, Three Year Term (Four available positions):

- Kevin Boyle
- Sam Dolinsky
- Sue Ferland
- Andrew Grimalda
- Susan May
- Joyce Phillips
- Mike Sankovich

Nominating Committee, Two Year Term (Two available positions):

- Sarah Cassidy
- Timothy Croal
- Lucy Hoover

Per SIPOA Bylaws §7.6, additional nominations for the Board and Nominating Committee may be made by written petition signed by fifty (50) Property Owners in Good Standing. Nominations must be delivered in writing to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the Secretary has posted the names of nominees on the SIPOA website and in the SIPOA principal office. **The deadline for submittal of petition is December 16, 2022.** ▲



Preserving Green Space on Seabrook Island

As home building continues apace on Seabrook Island and the remaining vacant lots dwindle quickly, the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy (SIGSC) is working diligently to preserve green space on the Island. In SIGSC's 22 years of property acquisition, 42 properties have either been donated or purchased, and over 30 acres of land have been protected. Just since 2020, 8 lots totaling almost 3 acres have been donated to the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association with permanent conservation easements. This could not have been done without the support of numerous generous Seabrookers!

Soon you will see modest, unobtrusive SIGSC signs marking all conserved properties so that you can

identify them as you travel around the Island. While these properties will never be developed, SIPOA provides oversight and maintenance.

A key asset of our island home is its natural beauty and the abundance of wildlife. The Conservancy helps to ensure that the immense value of that asset is preserved and protected for all of us. Green space also helps reduce soil erosion and flooding, increase wildlife habitats, and promote water quality, climate regulation and quality of life.

Established in 2000, the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy is a 501 (c)(3) corporation with the goal of obtaining high visibility properties and easements that facilitate the preservation of substantial green space, habitats, and preser-

vation of the natural beauty of our island. With your support, we can continue to preserve our lowcountry island.

Now that there are fewer than 200 vacant lots remaining on Seabrook Island, the need for community support is greater than ever. There may be many tax-advantaged ways to support the conservation mission, such as land donations, planned giving and Required Minimum Distributions from an IRA account. Contributions may be made via our website at www.sigsc.net or by mail to SIGSC, 130 Gardners Circle, PMB 521, Johns Island, SC 29455. To talk to a Green Space representative, please contact Meg Carter at meg.carter@sigsc.net or Carl Voelker at carl.voelker@sigsc.net. ▲

Susan Leggett



November on North Beach!

ARTICLE BY AIJA KONRAD, PHOTOS BY ED KONRAD

Ed and I were at Seabrook during an unseasonably warm week in November and went birding on North Beach several days. Shortly before or after high tide is the best time to observe birds on the beach. High tide got us up early that week and were treated to the beautiful sunrise as we began our hunt. And what great finds on those early mornings!

What fun to see 10 Piping Plovers, including our snowbird Red Yellow, huddled down in the beach wrack at high tide. After observing them in the scope and shooting a few photographs, we walked down the beach and ran into a visiting mom and daughter from Rhode Island. The young woman had written a school paper on Piping Plovers and asked us if we could tell her where see one. See one?? How about 10! We took them down the beach and shared our scope so they could observe the plovers. How excited they were!

We like to go to the beach this time of year to look for salty marsh sparrows. These are hard to find little birds that are in the marsh grasses at high tide. Often they can be seen by the old inlet. It takes a lot of patience and a lot of "pishing" to get a glimpse, as their color camouflages them



Saltmarsh, Nelson's, Seaside Sparrows

in the marsh grass. We were fortunate to get some great looks and photos. Three varieties frequent Seabrook this time of year...the Saltmarsh, the Nelson's, and the Seaside. Each is unique in appearance and a "cutie patootie"!

As we were searching for the salty sparrows we heard the clattering cackle of a Clapper Rail in the salt marsh – usually heard but not often seen. It must have been our lucky morning as we got great looks of this bird too, as it stalked along the muddy edge of the marsh, twitching its tail along the way.

Another surprise was the Reddish Egret we spotted in the lagoon over several days. It's such a joy to watch this bird feed and do its "dance". It leaps, runs, jumps and twirls. One description of them is "choreography worthy of Fred Astaire!" Reddish Egrets "dance" to stir up the bottom and get their prey to come out of hiding and swim around. Sometimes they raise their wings over their head to create a shadow on the water, then wait for the fish to be attracted to a patch of shade to catch them! Reddish are usually at North Beach late summer into early fall. This was a very late one and a real treat to see in November!▲



Clapper Rail



Reddish Egret



Reddish Egret



Piping Plovers



Reddish Egret

Seabrook Island Birders' Upcoming Programs

**December 7 • Evening Program
7pm • Lakehouse**

**December & January Book Read
January 22 Zoom - Oystercatcher & home**



Seabrook Island Birders presents
**Roseate Spoonbills,
Wood Storks & Limpkins
... are SC residents!**
Wednesday December 7, 2022



Roseate Spoonbill, flamboyant with bright pink feathers, red eye staring from a partly bald head, giant spoon-shaped bill! Wood Stork, soaring on thermals with outstretched neck & legs, towering above other wetland birds! Limpkin, long bill adapted for removing snails from shells, an unforgettable haunting cry! These fascinating birds, two that we enjoy seeing frequently on Seabrook, were once restricted to Florida. Now they all reside and nest in South Carolina!

Craig Watson, bird guide and recent retiree from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service after 33 years of dedicated bird and habitat conservation, will be our guest speaker. Craig will discuss these fascinating species' decline and now subsequent increase in population, along with the reasons and implications of their range expansion to SC. Join us to hear Craig's informative program, along with some enjoyable social time with SIB members and guests.



Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Registration starts 7:00 pm - Program starts 7:30 pm

Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House

Join/Renew SIB in 2023 for only \$15.00

Register: www.eventbrite.com/e/roseate-spoonbills-wood-storks-limpkins-are-sc-residents-tickets-469139186937

Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com



Seabrook Island Birders presents
**A World on the Wing
by Scott Weidensaul**
Book reading in December & January
Zoom program on January 22, 2023



Join Seabrook Island Birders as we read *A World on the Wing* by Scott Weidensaul.

Scott is a renowned bird migration expert, and author of more than two dozen books on natural history. These include New York Times bestseller *A World on the Wing*, and Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind*. He's a contributing editor for Audubon, and is a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society. An active field researcher, his studies of migration have taken him all around the world.

Our island-wide book reading culminates in an author led Zoom program on Sunday, January 22, 2023. SIB members can attend a book club style reception at the Oystercatcher Community Center at 4 pm, then view Scott's Zoom at 5pm. SIB members & guests can view the 5pm Zoom from the comfort of their homes.



"I'm not a birder, but Weidensaul persuades me that I could be, and that a greater appreciation of the movement and behaviour of migratory birds might bring me into closer contact with what it means to be a living thing on Earth - Ashish Ghadiali, *The Guardian*

Read Scott's book: *A World on the Wing*
available at Indigo Books, John's Island Library, Amazon.com
Attend Scott's program: Sunday, January 22, 2023
4-5pm reception. at Oystercatcher Community Center
Zoom with Scott at 5pm

Registration information will be available January 2023
Questions? Email us at: SeabrookIslandBirders@gmail.com





I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends



If you haven't been keeping up with Seabrook Island Village, Neighbors helping Neighbors, you've been missing out on a lot.

The services the Village offers to its members has morphed into something quite different than just the services we've been making to our members in the past. We realized that SIV staff and volunteers were seeing our members but were not seeing each other, so we initiated quarterly get togethers with wine and cheese. That brings us to the current year where those quarterly gatherings are now monthly events, with full meals at the Oyster Catcher Community Center, with adult beverages and prizes. These meetings are sometimes the only social events on our members' calendars and we are thrilled to offer these opportunities for connecting with other Seabrookers.

Our Thanksgiving event on November 10th had to be cancelled due to tropical storm Ian. That means our December event on December 8th will be a full-blown Thanksgiving/Christmas big celebration. Many of our volunteers enjoy coming to these events as well. Friendships have developed between our volunteers and members, either because the member is being driven to some appointment or is getting a home visit from a volunteer.

Our weekly fitness program has

turned out to be a huge success. It has been continued for some time into the future and the Village is now picking up 25% of the cost. Members enjoy being with each other, exercising together and getting some social time that not all members have.

We have also added programs of educational experiences. We have one coming up on January 26 whereby the panel will be discussing end of life choices and things we all need to think about to plan for our deaths, whenever they may occur. The panel will be Bonny Compton, Dr. Greg Compton and Irv Condon, who is the Charleston County Judge of Probate. The Compton's will talk about end of life discussions with friends, relatives and family, open discussions about the state of your health. What do close ones need to know about various physical conditions you may be coping with and what is the prognosis for those conditions into the future. Judge Condon will talk about probate issues and how they will affect the distribution of your estate, including how to plan for that fact now.

As you can see, Seabrook Island Village, Neighbors helping Neighbors, has moved well beyond our basic charge of taking care of the actual needs of our members, to helping them prepare what lies ahead for them in the future.

Come join us. We're having a lot of fun.▲

Barbara Burgess

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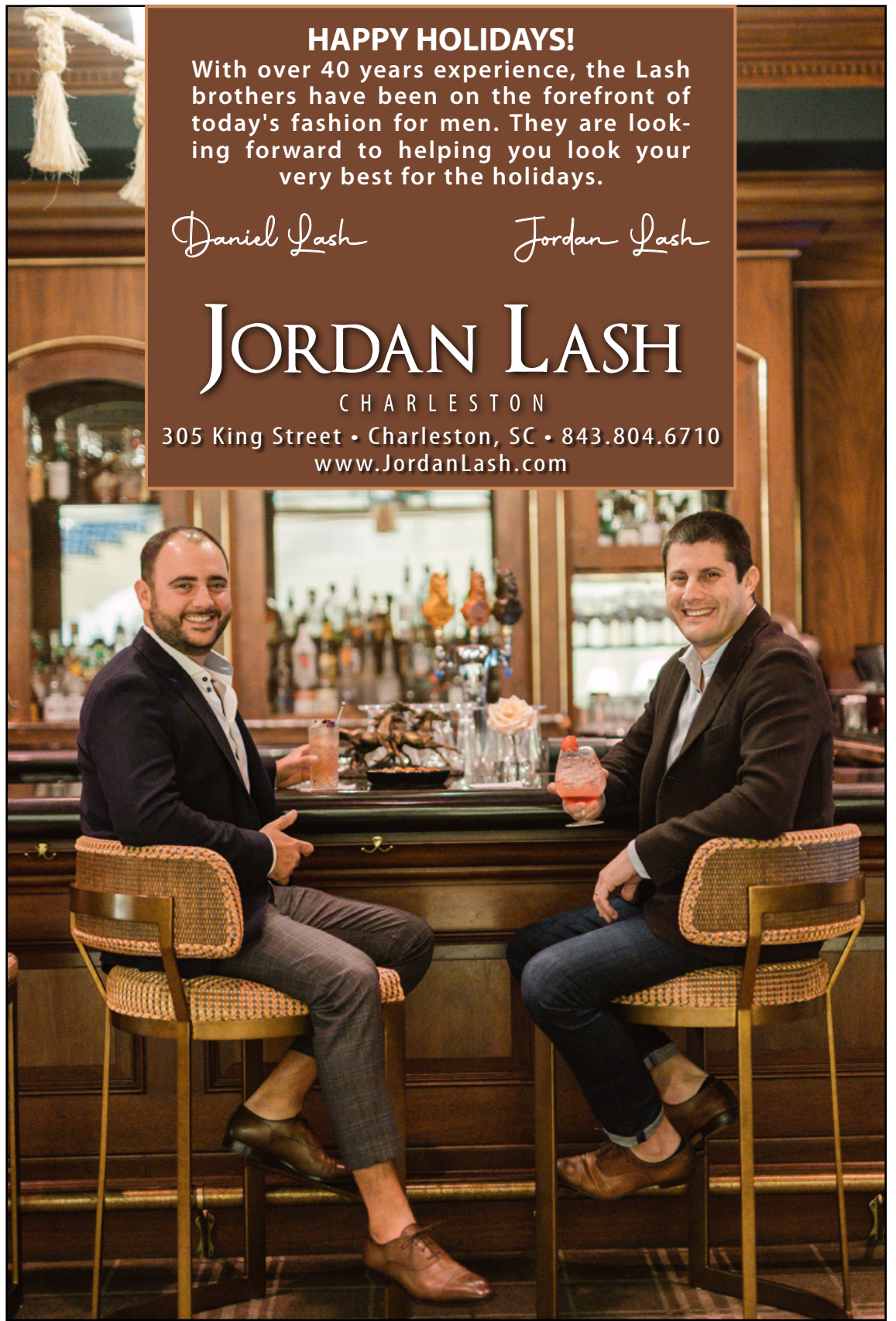
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The Together While Apart Art Project



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a special time to focus on the people who we are thankful for. There is not a more deserving group to be grateful for than our local healthcare professionals, especially Nurses.

WHO IS CARING FOR OUR CAREGIVERS?

Have you seen a nurse recently? Maybe you have visited the doctor's office or the hospital. Maybe your friend or family member is a nurse.

Nurses can be a lifeline in our communities and are the backbone of the healthcare industry. It was our nurses who saw the country through those first dark months of the pandemic where they had little information and few supplies.

They put their own lives on the line selflessly treating patients and serving their communities. We saw the images of nurses wearing trash bags and homemade masks. We witnessed the exhaustion in their bodies. We heard the fear in their voices.

Did you ever wonder...who was taking care of THEM?

I did. As a mother of a nurse, I was afraid. I was afraid my daughter would become ill. I was afraid she would not be able to keep going. I was afraid for her mental health. I turned my fear into determination to find my own unique way to honor and support her and her colleagues around the country.

As a local artist, I created an art project called The Together While Apart Project. This collaborative project originated during the lockdown phase of the pandemic. At a time when physical separation was the norm, 18 artists from around the country embarked on a collective mission to create one amazing art installation to honor frontline workers, especially nurses. Upon completion, this collaboration was recognized by The Smithsonian Institute, Channel Kindness (a non-profit co-founded by Lady Gaga) and NOAH (National Organization of Arts in Medicine). After traveling

on temporary exhibit to various hospitals in the Southeast for the past year, the artwork now hangs permanently in the Main Lobby at The University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia.

When our caregivers suffer, we suffer. Nurses under 35 years of age and those of color are struggling in larger numbers.

Using The Together While Apart Art Project as my platform, I partnered with the American Nurses Association to fundraise for their recently enacted Wellness Initiative Programs. These programs support nurses who are struggling and are in desperate need of mental and physical care. These programs rely heavily on donations to maintain the quality of their offerings and meet the rapidly growing demand, all at no charge to nurses. A \$20 donation provides a nurse with a one hour call to a Mental Health Specialist. The price of a cocktail, coffee or lunch could be life changing for that nurse struggling through a bad day.

The Together While Apart Project's Thank You Nurses Campaign goal is \$20,200, an amount chosen to reflect the year 2020, the year nurses became daily heroes. Currently, our total stands at over \$14,000. I have no experience as a fundraiser, but I feel so passionately about ensuring that Nurses receive the support and care they deserve, HERE I AM asking for your support in helping this campaign reach its goal.

The online fundraiser can be found at <https://givetonursing.networkforgood.com/projects/159204-together-while-apart-fundraiser>.

Checks can also be made out to The American Nurses Foundation and sent to: Deane Bower, 1307 Jenkins Lagoon Drive S, Johns Island, SC 29455.

To learn more about The Together While Apart Art Project, visit: <https://deanevbowersart.com/pages/the-together-while-apart-art-project> ▲

Deane Bowers

THE Seabrooker



GLASS HALF FULL
Perspectives
BOB LEGGETT



Year End Tactics and Longer Term Strategies

As the calendar yearend approaches, it is always worthwhile to think about the tax ramifications on your investment portfolios and activities. Most actions that you might take in December are tactical, but some might be strategic.

My definitions are that "tactical" moves are made for shorter term reasons and "strategic" moves are to implement plans to meet your longer term goals. Hopefully, your tactical moves will be a subset of your longer term investment philosophy. I am a strong believer that investors have a much greater risk of failure when they attempt tactical trades than they do with developing and maintaining a longer term strategic perspective.

Nonetheless, there is wisdom in this quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "In this world, nothing can be said to be certain but Death and Taxes." To add a cliché, we still must avoid having the "taxation tail" wag the "investments dog." These two statements sum up to advising us to be aware of taxes we will owe, but that keeping our longer term strategic positions front of mind is more important in meeting our investment objectives.

One key tactic, particularly in a down year for the markets, is tax-loss harvesting. This is done by reviewing the securities held in taxable investment accounts. This holds true for stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange traded funds and other such securities. Subtract the security's purchase price from its market value, and if the result is negative, you have an "unrealized loss". If you then sell the security, you will realize the loss and it can be used to offset gains you may have realized in other securities. For most of us, you can subtract a net realized loss of up to \$3,000 from your income when preparing your taxes. A net loss greater than that can be carried over to future tax years.

If you hold mutual funds in a taxable account, this is a good time to check to see if there will be taxable distributions. For instance, I hold shares of The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund. Despite the fact that the Fund is in the red for the year, they realized long term capital gains that require a distribution to shareholders of \$3.82 per share. I could avoid this gain by selling my shares, but that tactic would also trigger a capital gain. More importantly, I consider Gabelli SCG to be a strategic long term holding and I do not want to sell it.

So, what can I do? The Gabelli distribution is beyond my control. However, I can review other securities I hold that have unrealized losses. Perhaps one of them now looks less promising and should be sold to offset the Gabelli distribution. I guess the upside of a Bear Market in both stocks and bonds is that many of us will find we have unrealized losses that can be harvested before December 31.

Another action that is sort of a blend of tactical and strategic is "re-balancing" your investments. If you have a diversification plan for your investment portfolio, you might be aiming for an asset allocation of 60% stocks (or other "risk assets" such as commodities, gold, etc.), 30% income generating assets (such as bonds, CDs, preferred stocks, or REITs) and 10% cash (bank accounts, money market funds, etc.).

Since the prices of these various assets do not generally move in tandem, your asset allocation may vary from your 60/30/10 target over time. At a minimum, if the cash is meant to fund your lifestyle or gifting plans, you will need to replenish it from time to time. It doesn't really matter what time of year you carry out purchases and sales needed to return your asset allocation to your target. However, a review of your tax situation might indicate whether

you will want to make some changes now, or wait until next year.

Of course, the 60/30/10 target will not be appropriate for everyone. I want to be clear that I am simply presenting it as an example. My key point here is that either you or your investment advisor should have a strategic plan in place for a diversified portfolio, risk management and income generation.

Another issue to consider for those of us in the 72+ age bracket is whether you have completed your IRA Required Minimum Distributions for 2022. Are you taking the RMDs as income? Or, perhaps you are using it for donations to not only satisfy your charitable giving desires, but also to avoid paying income tax? Late last year, I rebalanced my IRA to raise sufficient cash for my 2022 RMD which kept me from needing to sell stocks or bonds into the 2022 Bear Market to meet my RMD. That was a much easier decision a year ago when prices were higher!

One final note on strategic planning: I am a firm believer that diversifying your assets will enhance your investment returns over many years, but not every year. Some years we just have to take our lumps and 2022 has been one of those years, as the two major asset classes, stocks and bonds, have both lost value. The Fed's belated actions to control inflation are clearly slowing the economy, so we may go through more difficult times before the Glass Half Full perspective again prevails.

On that note, I will sign off wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a PROSPEROUS New Year!▲

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

IT'S THE MOST STRESSFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Holidays are stressful and, therefore, not necessarily good for one's health. Merriam-Webster defines stress as: "one of bodily or mental tension resulting from factors that tend to alter an existent equilibrium." And that is the problem: the holidays do in fact disrupt our equilibrium – every December!

A major reason for the stress is that the reality does not meet the expectations. We want the holidays to be happy and merry: Why else do we wish everyone Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah? Expectations are also set high by all the media advertisements, the countless joyous holiday movies (rebroadcast every year), and the seemingly endless number of holiday parties (where only a Grinch would be out of sorts). Of course, the reality is we are the same people during the holidays as any other time, and things are not always as joyful as we hope. We might have suffered a major loss; we might have a chronic illness; we certainly have friends and even family who can upset our equilibrium. The result is physical and mental stress.

STRESSORS

There are a host of stressors at this time of year. Your list will be longer than mine, no doubt. But mine includes travel, visitors, entertaining, parties, atypical chores, eating, drinking, unpredictable weather, sleep deprivation, financial threats, and the most dreaded of all – feeling lonely when we are supposed to be enjoying the company of family and friends. Yes, the holidays instead of being that most wonderful time of the year can turn into a very joyless time.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN

All our routines are interrupted and this affects our sleep, rest, and exercise. Then there are the dietary indiscretions that inevitably occur at the series of parties. Throw in alcohol that seems to be more plentiful than ever during the holidays and this contributes to poor judgement in many things. Travel is often a part of the holidays – either going to see children or other family or having visitors to come see you. Travel itself is stressful, especially these days given the problems with the airport security, fewer flights, flight cancellations, leaving the country, and even COVID proto-



cols. House guests (yes, family are your guests) make for an especially stressful time with meal preparation, event planning, and trying to make all those under the roof are feel at home (which they are not). Finally, for those on fixed budgets the holidays pose financial problems in these inflationary times due to all the gifts, parties, travel, and the season's general spirit of generosity (nobody wants to seem like Scrooge).

A SURVIVAL PLAN

There is a way to survive the holidays:

1. Have realistic expectations for the holiday season: you have experienced enough of them to know what to expect.
2. Plan ahead for the known events: prepare like a hurricane is coming!
3. Do not over commit: guilt-free "no" is a most useful word.
4. Do not join the competition for best food, party, decorations, etc.
5. Budget time, energy, and money and stick to it.
6. Moderation in all things: food, alcohol, parties, sedentary TV, etc.
7. Maintain an exercise regimen and build in relaxation time.

8. Avoid confrontational conversations, e.g., politics.
9. If a believer: observe the holy days.
10. Accept/share your feelings, even if they are not cheerful.

There is one additional issue, most challenging at this time of year, and that is how to cope with the rash of parties and all the food/drink that threaten our health. UCLA's "Gift of Good Health" has published a marvelous short guide entitled "Healthy Eating for the Holiday." (See table please.)

THE BOTTOM LINE

Holidays in this country primarily are commemorations of the birth of Jesus and Jewish Festival of Lights. These are occasions that have deep meaning for those who observe them, but for many the holidays have been remade into more than originally intended. It is also important at this time to remember and grieve for those lost to you – spouses, family, friends, your health, and the host of other sadnesses of the year and previous years. And finally, since this is a time of happiness, take every opportunity to expose yourself to those things that are humorous and bring you laughter. ▲

HOLIDAY FOOD CHOICES

Choose More Often:

- Turkey breast
- Tossed salad
- Chicken breast
- Steamed vegetables
- Mineral water
- Fresh fruit
- Plain potatoes
- Plain rice

Choose Less Often:

- Beef prime rib
- Stuffing / Gravy
- Pie / Cake
- Bread pudding
- Candy
- Eggnog
- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- High-calorie alcoholic beverages

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SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY

November, 1777: The Second Continental Congress adopts the Articles of the Confederation

1. Name United States
2. Each sovereign except according to rights delegated, etc.
3. League offense and defense
4. None to treaty, ally, etc. with forces without leave
 - No state servant to take emolument of office or dignity from foreigners
 - No state to grant nobility
5. No states to treaty or ally together without liberty of the United States, etc.

This is how Arthur Middleton's encoded notes on the Articles of Confederation begin, entitled simply Confederation, in Middleton's papers housed in the South Carolina Historical Society archives. The document goes on to list sixteen articles. As a member of the Continental Congress that drafted and approved the Articles, Middleton's papers include correspondence, memoranda, and other encoded notes about them and the process of developing them.

Though adopted in 1777, Articles of Confederation were not fully ratified until 1781. They were a means of providing rule during the tumultuous American Revolution years, and the Articles were the law of the newly self-governing land until the United States Constitution was written and ratified about a decade later. The Continental Congress who approved them included several South Carolinians: Henry Laurens, Arthur Middleton, and Thomas Heyward, Jr.

Henry Laurens was a Charleston merchant, whose import-export business traded in enslaved persons, rum, Carolina Gold rice, indigo, and other popular goods of the time. He was also the owner of Mepkin Plantation, a South Carolina state



Image of Arthur Middleton's encoded notes on the Articles of Confederation. From the collections of the South Carolina Historical Society

legislator, and U.S. diplomat. He not only served in the Continental Congress but was the President of it after John Hancock resigned. He would go on to be the only American ever imprisoned in the Tower of London – on charges of treason. His papers are housed at the SC Historical Society.

Arthur Middleton was a planter who owned Middleton Place and who served in the Continental Congress twice and signed the Declaration of Independence. Between his two stints in Congress, he was taken prisoner during the Revolution in 1780 and sent to St. Augustine. His papers, housed at the SC Historical Society, chiefly consist of correspondence and memoranda concerning both public and military affairs in Charleston and Philadelphia, and such issues as the currency, the national debt, motions made in Congress, and naval and army defenses. His papers are housed at the SC Historical Society.

Thomas Heyward, Jr. was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a lawyer, a circuit judge, and the owner of White Hall Plantation near Beaufort and Jasper counties. In 1779, he was captured in battle and sent to be imprisoned in St. Augustine but was later released and returned to South Carolina. He later served as the first president of the Agriculture Society of South Carolina.▲

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COVAR, The Council of Villas and Regimes on Seabrook Island has 41 associations and regimes that comprise its membership.

Close to 80% of the Short-Term Rentals (STR) on Seabrook Island can be found among our member neighborhoods.

2023 will bring new changes to your STR to ensure that it is compliant with The Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI) and Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) regulations, as well as the State of South Carolina.

The Town of Seabrook Island Ordinance 2020-14, passed in November 2020 required a Short-Term Rental permit for all rental units on Seabrook Island. This permit was in addition to the previously required Business License and Tax Obligations.

On October 25, 2022, Ordinance 2022-5 and 2022-6 amendments were passed at Town Council meeting at second reading and become effective January 1, 2023. Two major changes affecting STR's will be the addition of a 1% local (Seabrook Island) accommodations tax (2022-5), collected by TOSI, as well as an increase in fees for the application/renewal of an STR permit (2022-6), including a new fee schedule for applications not processed by the renewal application due date.

If you rent out your property through a rental agency, your Business License, Short-Term Rental Permit and Tax Obligations may be handled by your rental agent. However, it is your responsibility to verify which of them, if any, the agency is assuming responsibility. Any obligation for which the agency does not assume responsibility remains your responsibility as the owner. You must know the license and tax requirements of South Carolina, Charleston County, and the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI). The license/permit/tax requirements apply if you (1) rent exclusively through an agency, but it does not assume responsibility for specified license and tax obligations, (2) rent both through an agency and on your own or (3) rent exclusively on your own.



Short Term Rental Property Requirements

Business License obtained from TOSI - TOSI requires a business license for "every person who is engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the Town limits." Property rentals are considered Class 7 licenses and the cost is based on the total gross income of the business for the preceding calendar year. Note that a business license only covers a single rental property. Multiple properties require a license for each property rented.

Effective July 21, 2018, all owners or agents placing advertisements offering a residential unit for rent or lease in the Town of Seabrook Island shall clearly display the current business license number for that residential unit in the text of such advertisement.

TOSI Permitting Requirements for Short-Term Rental Units - Effective January 1, 2021, all residential dwellings which are rented or leased (or offered for rent or lease) as an overnight accommodation for periods of less than 30 consecutive days will be required to obtain an annual Short-Term Rental (STR) Permit, in addition to the above-mentioned Business License.

Renewing Your Business License and Short-Term Rental permit in 2023 - The application and renewal period for STR's will open on April 1, 2023 with a deadline of April 30, 2023.

Within TOSI Ordinance 2022-6 there is a new fee schedule for STR permits effective January 1, 2023:

1. Short-Term Rental Permit – New \$450.00
2. Short-Term Rental Permit – Renewal \$450.00
3. Modification of Existing Short-Term Rental Permit
 - Change of Owner, Agent, or Local Contact \$25.00
 - All Other Modifications \$100.00
4. Reinstatement of Suspended Short-Term Rental Permit \$225.00
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 - ≤ 31 Days Late Permit Fee + \$150.00
 - 32-61 Days Late Permit Fee + \$300.00
 - > 61 Days Late Permit Fee + \$450.00

Contact Nicole Nettles, Town of Seabrook Island Short-Term Rental Compliance Officer at nnettel@townofseabrookisland.org for further information, current costs, and license/permit application information.

In case you are not aware of the language of Town of Seabrook Island Ordinance 2020-14, the ordinance was passed by Town Council on November 17, 2020, and became effective January 1, 2021.

Ordinance 2020-14 addresses Short Term Rentals (STR) on Seabrook Island.

Among many requirements this ordinance defines occupancy of a rental unit, with 2 people allowed per bedroom plus 2 for units under 2400 square feet while units over 2400 square feet are allowed 2 people per bedroom plus 4.

Bedrooms are as defined in the homeowner's tax record on file with Charleston County. For example, occupancy for a 1250 square foot cottage with 2 bedrooms would have a permitted occupancy of 6 people.

There are other specific requirements in the ordinance that will apply to each rental unit. These requirements can be found online on the TOSI website (www.townofseabrookisland.org).

New SIPOA Short-Term Rental Policy

On May 16, 2022, the SIPOA Board of Directors approved a new policy pertaining to Short Term Rentals on Seabrook Island.

The new STR Policy, which can be found at www.sipoa.org, under the "Visitors and Guests" tab requires all rentals to register their property with SIPOA. To process this registration, you will be required to have a 2023 TOSI business license number as well as TOSI STR permit number. Registration is at no cost to the property owner.

This new STR policy also clearly outlines SIPOA rules that pertain to STR's. Of particular attention, "the number of Short-Term Renter Gate Passes entered per Rental Property must not exceed the number of bedrooms in the Property (minimum 2 passes)". **Rental guests are no longer allowed to call the gate house to request additional gate passes.** These requests must be processed through the rental management company.

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's) are included in the vehicle count. For example, in you are renting 2-bedroom unit, you are allowed gate passes for 2 vehicles or 1 vehicle and one LSV, 3 bedrooms are allowed 3 vehicles, 4 bedroom 4 vehicles, etc. All vehicles must display their gate pass at all times on the driver's side dashboard, must be parked on the paved driveway or designated parking area for the unit and cannot be parked on any landscaped portions on improved properties. The rules are strictly enforced by SIPOA. "Failure to display a gate pass for entry and/or parking may result in a citation and violation assessment".

SIPOA access fees will also be charged for STR gate passes. All gate passes must be picked up at the new Gate Pass facility, located on Seabrook island Road, immediately after the entrance to Bohicket Marina. ▲

Filing of SC State, Charleston County and Town of Seabrook Island Taxes

There is currently a 12% tax on Short-Term rentals, which is to be collected on all rental property by the State and County. 7% goes to the State and 5% goes to Charleston County.

The breakdown is as follows:

State Sales Tax.....	5.00%	Filed Monthly
Town of Seabrook Island Accommodations Tax.....	1.00%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County School Dist./Education Capital Improvement Tax	1.00%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Transportation Tax	1.00%	Filed Monthly
State Accommodations Tax	2.0%	Filed Monthly
Charleston County Accommodations Tax.....	2.0%	Filed Monthly

There is a consolidated license and account application to be completed for the County, which then issues coupon booklets for payment of taxes. Contact Britt Miller, Field Operations Manager, Charleston County Revenue Collections Department, at 843-202-6095 or bmiller@charlestoncounty.org for the application forms.



HOMEGROWN HOLIDAY BAZAAR
 December 12, 2020
 2620 Hanscombe Point Road (Legare Farms)
 Johns Island, SC

The seventh annual Homegrown Holiday Bazaar is will be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 10:00am-3:00pm at 2620 Hanscombe Point Rd, (Legare Farms) Johns Island. This event is a great way for local businesses to reach the community for the holidays and is brought to you by Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce.

The Homegrown Holiday Bazaar is the area's one-stop shop for all things LOCAL & FESTIVE! Over the last years we have had over 170 local vendors throughout the community joined together offering a unique shopping opportunity and fun-filled, eventful day. We hope you will join us this year for lots of holiday fun! ▲

Enjoy fireside s'mores every Friday 5-8 pm through February!

A LEGENDARY WATERFRONT CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

WATERFRONT DINING ■ BREAKFAST BY THE BOATS ■ HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR ■ FESTIVE LIGHTS DISPLAY

Thousands of Christmas lights go on at dusk!
 Nightly lights display begins November 25th

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Charleston's Annual Holiday Parade of Boats
 December 10, 2022
 5:30PM • Admission: FREE

Join a Lowcountry holiday tradition, the Charleston holiday boat parade, as this display of lighted and festive boats proceeds from the Cooper River, through the Charleston Harbor and into the Ashley River. This family-friendly event will become a holiday tradition for everyone.

View the procession along Charleston's waterfront, or decorate your own boat and join the parade. The festivi-

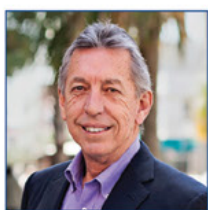
ties begin along the shores of Mount Pleasant at 5:00 p.m., and viewing from the downtown peninsula starts around 7:30 p.m.

Best Places to view the parade: Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina, Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park Pier, SC Aquarium area, Liberty Square, Charleston Maritime Center, Riley Waterfront Park, and The Battery area as far as Tradd St. ▲

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

2740 Colonel Harrison Dr, Johns Island
 5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, 3206 Ft² | \$974,900

This stunning home is located in Stonoview, one of the most sought-after riverfront communities on Johns Island. Featuring ten-foot ceilings and an abundance of large windows, this light and bright space offers river and lake views all around. The huge kitchen with quartz countertops, subway tile backsplash, large walk-in pantry, and a spacious island opens to the living and dining areas with a shiplap detailed fireplace. The location can't be beat, close to the community deep water dock and kayak launch, and across the street from the pool, pavilion and playground.



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2022 Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Outing



Ed Gillen



Johns Island HS Junior Color Guard



Andrew Nyser (Wounded Warrior), Bill Nelson, Bill Mislowsky, and Vic Agusta

On Monday, November 7, 2022 Low Country golfers teed up in the 11th Annual Seabrook Island Veteran's Day Charitable Golf Tournament to recognize veterans and raise money to support the Charleston Fisher House and the Ralph Johnson Veterans Hospital in Charleston. The event is sponsored by the Seabrook Island Club and the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club with the Seabrook Island Real Estate Company as a major contributor. During the opening ceremonies, the flag was presented by the St. Johns High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard and WWII veteran Ed Gillen was recognized for his service. The Seabrook Island Club hosted 200 golfers including 20 Wounded Warriors who wanted to show their support for veterans of all eras. The event raised over \$28,000 for the Fisher House and Ralph Johnson Charleston Veterans Hospital. The Ocean Winds Flight 1 winning team was composed of Paul Ricken, Constantine Constandis, Weston Mallon and Bryan Thomas. The Ocean Winds Flight 2 winners were Vic Evans, Cliff Williams, John Reock, and Wounded Warrior Mark Beaulieu. The Crooked Oaks Flight 1 leaders were George Fink, Bill Greubel, Wounded Warrior Barry McManus, and Wounded Warrior Shawn Whitmore. The Crooked Oaks Flight 2 champions were Martin Vincentsen, Barbara Vincentsen, Bob Burke, and Sally Burke. The event in 2023 will be on Monday, November 6. ▲

Alan Armstrong



Ocean Wind Flight 1 Winners - (L-R) Constantine Constandis, son-in-laws Charles Olsen and Bryan Thomas, Paul Ricken



Johns Island HS ROTC Cadets



Wounded Warriors



(L-R) Sue Gleason, Kathy Maher and Marilyn Armstrong buying 50/50 tickets



Check Presentation - Kent Hutchinson (Friends of Fisher House), Dwight Kress (Ralph Johnson VA Hospital), Brian Thelan (Seabrook Island Club), and Alan Armstrong (Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club)



Ocean Wind Flight 2 Winners: (L-R) John Reock, Cliff Williams, Mark Beaulieu (Wounded Warrior) and Vic Evans

A Brief History of Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group (SIDOGS)



Was it Brie or Was it Cheddar?

In 2004, a very sweet Labrador snatched a piece of cheese from a cocktail party on the beach. This canine error caused much discussion about the subject of dogs-off-leash on the Seabrook Island beaches.

As a result, the Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group was started by Jerry and Hutchie Cummin and Ronda Dean to encourage the town of Seabrook Island to adopt an ordinance allowing off-leash dogs on the beach. This was passed on a trial basis for one year designating an area for dogs to be off-leash but under voice control on North Beach, with different times for winter and summer seasons. The ordinance became permanent in 2006, although over the years it has been adjusted to consider the wellbeing of coastal birds, turtle nesting periods and campers at Camp St. Christopher.



The mission statement of SIDOGS is:

1. SIDOGS intent is to provide a unified voice for communication to the town of Seabrook Island, Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), rental clients, other dog owners and residents of Seabrook Island specific to dog ownership and respectful cohabitation of dogs and all residents of Seabrook Island.
 2. Reduce the number of offensive incidents involving dogs through education and communication.
 3. Provide ongoing training opportunities to our membership for obedience, health, nutrition, and other issues owners may have with their dogs.
 4. Schedule informative and interesting meetings several times a year with guest speakers.
 5. Provide periodic email blasts with updates relative to our group and its upcoming activities.
- Each year SIDOGS has organized both educational and fun events with various speakers and has also assisted SIPOA with some of their dog activities.



Our presentations have included:

1. Therapy dogs, training, mission, and institutions served.
2. Demonstration of the K9 Unit of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.
3. Handling medical emergencies by Angel Oak Animal Hospital.
4. Acupuncture for dogs by Bees Ferry Hospital.
5. Nutrition for dogs by Ric Sommons from Dolittles.
6. Dr. Alan Green DVM, founder of Charleston Veterinary Referral Clinic.
7. Hank Greer and Joe Elmore from the Charleston Animal Society on their history and evacuation pipeline for help after hurricanes.
8. Dog Whisperer by Barbara Rawson.
9. Kelly Orris – dog training
10. Pilots and Paws Transport Rescue Dogs for Free



Our fundraising events have included annual beach walks and donations collected at meetings. The total raised from 2006 – 2022 is over \$30,000.

Who Can Join?

Any Seabrook Island resident or property owner with an interest in issues affecting dogs on Seabrook Island. Our annual dues help offset some of the costs involved in our various activities. Please join us to continue this good work in our community. To find out more about SIDOGS or how to become a member, please visit our website at www.sidogs.org. ▲

Meg Davidson





TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting
October 25, 2022

The following Minutes were approved:

- Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2022
Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes - October 6, 2022
Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2022
Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes - October 13, 2022
Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes - October 19, 2022

Presentations: None.

Public Hearing Items:

- Ordinance 2022-05: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 26, Taxation; to amend provisions related to the administration of revenues from the State Accommodations Tax; to amend provisions related to the State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee; to impose a Local Accommodations Tax of one percent (1%); and to implement the provisions of the S.C. "Fairness in Lodging Act"
Ordinance 2022-06: An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Appendix E, Fee Schedule; so as to amend the fee schedule for various application and service fees No public comments were made, Mayor Gregg closed the public hearing at 2:37PM.

Citizens Comments:

Town Clerk Watkins listed the individuals who submitted public comments prior to the meeting. A copy of the comments is available with these minutes and upon request.

Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

Advisory Committees

- Community Promotions and Engagement Committee Councilwoman Fox updated Council on the communications from the Town since the previous Town Council meeting. Councilwoman Fox summarized the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting on October 20th and noted the two events from the Town during the month of October: the Charleston Symphony Orchestra on October 16th and the Shred Event on October 21st. Councilwoman Fox noted the committee proposed to have the holiday event on December 8th from 5 -8 with food trucks, live music, and a Santa Clause. All members of Council agreed to the date of the proposed holiday event. Councilwoman Fox added preparations for the upcoming Summer 2023 Chow Town Food Truck Rodeo with the following dates: May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23. A discussion was had on the amount awarded to the Seabrook Island Photography Club as a Community Promotion Grant.
Environment and Wildlife Committee: Councilwoman Finke summarized individual committee comments received via email in addition to emails from the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPA) regarding the beach update. Councilwoman Finke added members of the committee joined via zoom during the Town Council October 19th Budget Workshop during the presentation made Folly Beach City Administrator Aaron Pope and Dr. Nicole Elko from Coastal Consultants about the City's Marshfront Management

Plan. Councilwoman Finke noted the next Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting will be on Thursday November 10th.

- Public Safety Committee: Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the Public Safety Committee Meeting on October 18th. Councilman Kortvelesy noted the Committee discussed potentially having a table with the Charleston County Sheriff's department information table during the Chow Town Food Truck Rodeo's or having a Public Safety Fair.
Public Works Committee: Councilman Goldstein noted moving ahead with the following items: future planning of a park behind town hall, linear path. Councilman Goldstein noted the Town has not heard back with the architect for the expansion of town hall or design for the proposed garage for the Town Hall site. Clarification on improvements to linear path pertains only to the path on the Town Hall side of Seabrook Island Road and the path on the opposite side of Seabrook Island Road will remain the same.
Special Committees - None.
Ad Hoc Committees - Councilwoman Finke noted there is a proposed amendment to the short-term rental ordinance. A discussion was had concerning unintended effects with regards to ongoing advocacy for a cap on the number of short-term rental permits issued by the Town.
Board of Zoning Appeals - None.
Planning Commission - None.
State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - None.
Utility Commission - Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the Utility Commission meeting of October 19th, September and Year to Date financials, water usage, sewer effluent, water distribution, new meter installs due to development, line repairs, meter locates, meter re-reads, and discussion for the FY 2023 budget. A discussion was had on the submittal for Public Assistance to FEMA in consequence of Hurricane Ian to address SIUC's costs for rental of equipment.

Reports Town Officers:

Mayor

- Update Concerning Common Debris Site (Kiawah and Seabrook Island) - Mayor Gregg summarized a meeting with representatives of the Town of Kiawah Island, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and South Carolina Department for Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) concerning possible joint use of a single site for temporary storage and reduction of debris by the Towns of Kiawah and Seabrook. Provided terms of an understanding satisfactory to both Towns can be established whereby one of the Towns functions as the primary user of the site, both FEMA and SCDHEC expect use for the benefit of both Towns can be approved. Mayor Gregg noted it was confirmed by the representatives of FEMA and SCDHEC that they would be willing to consider an agreement proposed by the Towns prior to finalization to offer suggestions for finalizing the agreement. Mayor Gregg added he will be pursuing preparation of a draft agreement to advance the effort to completion of a suitable final agreement.
Update from Informal Discussion with Representatives of Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), Club, and Marina. Mayor Gregg noted that during an informal discussion on 21 October, SIPOA indicated that current cost estimates of planned road repaving have increased between a third and a half and are now in the range of \$8MM-\$9MM. SIPOA has established a special communications sub-committee to develop communication concerning the proposed replacement of the Community Center located on Oyster Catcher Ct. Refurbishment of the

viewing platform for SIPOA's Boardwalk #8 is expected to be completed by mid-November. Mayor Gregg added the Seabrook Island Club is engaged in budget discussions and it was noted that seasonal employment reaches 300 persons.

Town Administrator

Personnel Updates:

- Introduction of Nichole Nettles, STR Compliance Manager
Introduction of Mike Williams, full time Code Enforcement Officer
Administrative Assistant
Communication & Events Manager

Town Administrator Cronin noted on October 3rd Nichole Nettles was promoted to the STR Compliance Manager and will continue to be the Administrative Assistant until the position is filled. Town Administrator Cronin introduced on October 3rd Mike Williams who was promoted to a full time Code Enforcement Officer. Town Administrator updated Council on the status of filling the position of the Administrative Assistant and the Communication & Events Manager.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- Report of Financials for the Month of September 2022 Ms. Watkins summarized the financials for September as follows:

- Total fund balance ending on September 30, 2022, was \$7,542,817 an amount about \$1,319,679 more than the balance as of September 30, 2021.
Unrestricted revenue for September totaled \$129,695 and unrestricted revenue for the year totaled \$1,487,090, representing about 97.0% for the 2022 annual budget and being about \$234,379 more than for the same period in 2021.
Expenditures for September totaled \$77,714, and expenditures for the year totaled \$900,532 which is 63.9% of the 2022 annual budget.
Expenditures for the year were about \$198,843 more compared to the same period of 2021.
Excess of revenues over expenditures was \$51,982 for September and excess of revenues over expenditures was \$586,557 for the year compared to an excess of expenditures over revenues of about \$17,164 as of September 30, 2021, reflecting the increase in revenues in the period this year as compared last years.

Town Attorney - None.

Zoning Administrator

- Code Enforcement Summary - Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement in the town since the previous meeting. A clarification was had on the number of warnings for those parking in the landscape areas at a short-term rental.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

- Ordinance 2022-05: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 26, Taxation; to amend provisions related to the administration of revenues from the State Accommodations Tax; to amend provisions related to the State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee; to impose a Local Accommodations Tax of one percent (1%); and to implement the provisions of the S.C. "Fairness in Lodging Act" Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2022-05 and noted the effective date for the local accommodations tax (1%) of January 1st, 2023. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2022-05; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 2022-05 passed second reading and was adopted.
Ordinance 2022-06: An ordinance amending the Development Standards Ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Appendix E, Fee Schedule; so as to

amend the fee schedule for various application and service fees Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2022-06 and noted the Planning Commission recommended for approval on October 12th and would go into effect on January 1, 2023. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2022-06; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 2022-06 passed second reading and was adopted.

Ordinances for First Reading: - None.

Other Action Items:

Intergovernmental Agreement:

Request to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County for services related to the collection and enforcement of the town's one percent (1%) Local Accommodations Tax ordinance Town Administrator Cronin summarized the intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County for services related to collection and enforcement of the town's 1% Local Accommodations Tax. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County for services related to the collection and enforcement of the town's one percent (1%) Local Accommodations Tax ordinance was approved.

Resolution 2022-39:

A resolution to appoint and commission Nichole Nettles as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security and general welfare for the Town of Seabrook Island Town Administrator Cronin summarized Resolution 2022-39 for Nichole Nettles to be appointed and commission as a code enforcement officer so that Ms. Nettles can enforce violations of the short-term rental ordinance as the STR Compliance Manager. A discussion was had on the type of badge that will be issued. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2022-39; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Resolution 2022-39 was approved.

Items for Information or Discussion - None.

Citizen Comments - None.

Council Comments - None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31PM.

Town Council - Work Session
November 8, 2022

Mayor John Gregg

- Update of Outreach to MUSC - As a follow-up to Council's expression of support for having representatives of Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC") make a presentation to Council in support of MUSC's request for a donation by the Town, I am able to confirm that a presentation will be made at the December Work Session and is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm. It is expected that Dr. Patrick Cawley, MUSC CEO and others will make the presentation.
Update of Request for Public Assistance (FEMA (Hurricane Ian)) - On Monday, October 24, a Request for Public Assistance was submitted for the Town to Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") in respect of costs incurred in consequence of Hurricane IAN. The Town's submission initiated review by FEMA under the direction of a Program Delivery Manager ("PDMG") who has scheduled a so-called "Scoping Meeting" for November 14. The "Scoping Meeting" will be the first opportunity for presentation by the Town of documentation for costs incurred.
Update of Availability for Public

Comment of BCDCOG Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - At the October 31 meeting of the Berkeley, Dorchester, Charleston Council of Governments ("BCDCOG"), the draft BCDGOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was presented, and notice was given of the availability of the most recent update for public review at: https://bcdcog.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BCDCOG-CEDS-Plan-2023-2028-WATERMARKED.pdf

- Notice of Storm Preparations by St. Johns Fire District (SJFD)- Chief Ryan Kunitzer notified the Town this morning of SJFD's monitoring of and preparations for Tropical Storm NICOLE. The morning forecast for November 8 projects impacts from NICOLE in South Carolina in the morning of Friday, November 11. Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Residents are encouraged to monitor reporting of forecasts for this storm and to make preparations for potential impacts as appropriate.

Town Council Members:

- Jeri Finke - Councilwoman Finke noted at the upcoming Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting on November 10th, representatives from Coastal Science Engineering will be present to assist the committee with questions regarding the update to the beach ordinance.
Patricia Fox - Councilwoman Fox summarized the most recent Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) long range planning meeting.
Barry Goldstein - Summarized PWC meeting November 7th, 2022.
Dan Kortvelesy - Packet received from last meeting from Public Safety Committee to put together some programs for the public. If any items should be addressed, please let him know.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

Action Items for November 15th Meeting

- Ordinance 2022-07: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2022-07 for the Town of Seabrook Island FY 2023 budget beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.
Town Administrator Cronin added there may be an ordinance to make an update to the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Franchise Fees which is still under legal review with the Town Attorney.
Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of filling the Administrative Assistant position. The meeting adjourned at 1:18PM. ▲

From all of us at the
Town Of Seabrook Island...





The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook makes more than \$138,000 in grants to Johns/Wadmalaw Island profits

Each year, the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook awards grants to organizations in the Low Country whose mission is to help the citizens of Johns and Wadmalaw Island. This year's award ceremony, held November 2 at the Seabrook Island Club, was a celebration of the great work being done by these organizations for the community. Recipient organizations are identified by Club member committees in five categories and organizations are vetted in detail, and in many cases Club members conduct on-site visits with the organizations prior to making the awards. It's not unusual for the relationship between the organizations and Club members to extend beyond the grant, with Club members providing counsel and serving on the boards of various organizations.

Since the program was launched, the Club has granted more than \$2.5 million to organizations supporting Johns and Wadmalaw Island. The following are this year's award recipients for each category:

Community Service/Hunger and Mentoring

- Backpack Buddies
- Blessings Basket
- Meals on Wheels
- Sea Island Cares
- Sweetgrass Garden Co-op
- New Webster Food Pantry
- Fields to Families
- Hebron-Zion Food Pantry
- Hebron-Zion Senior Citizens
- AMOR Kitchen
- St. James Bethel AME Sunday Dinner

Health and Housing

- Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic
- Paraclete Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity
- Water Wellness Mission

Child Abuse/Prevention

- Dee Norton Advocacy Center
- Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina
- Low Country Orphan Relief (LOR)
- HALOS

Youth and Education

- Angel Oak Elementary School
- Camp Happy Days
- Camp Hi Hopes
- Charleston Collegiate School
- Community and Schools
- CSO Education
- Edith Frierson Elementary School
- Haut Gap Middle School
- Mt. Zion Elementary School
- Youth of the Month
- High School Scholarships

Americanism

- Friends of the Fisher House
- Seabrook Island Veterans Day Golf Outing



Ms. Cheryl O'Donnell, Executive Director at Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina receives a grant from Jack Wilson, President of the Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook



Exchange Club President Jack Wilson presents a grant to Mr. Sidney Frazier, head of Sea Island Cares

Representatives from recipient organizations attended the event and were recognized for the significant contribution that they make to the quality of life on Johns and Wadmalaw Island. ▲

Thad Peterson

The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook is a service organization committed to community enrichment through the support and development of programs which focus upon the prevention of child abuse, youth development and education, Americanism, and community outreach.

The Club holds dinner meetings about every two weeks, providing an opportunity for fellowship and fun, along with a guest speaker discussing some aspect of life in the Low Country. Other activities include an annual holiday event and excursions to the Charleston Symphony throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about us, please fill out a membership application form at <https://ecks.memberclicks.net/>, or contact Bob Leggett at rmlegg8@gmail.com.



The Truth About Christmas

by Paul Tillman

The story of Santa and Christmas is nothing but a myth. It's a myth because nothing but a myth could be so outrageous. Many of the prominent cultures of the world are involved in the myth. The story is built upon elements of Christian religion, Nordic, and Germanic cultures that combine to create an impossible tale that only a child would believe.

The myth begins about 280 AD with a Turkish monk, named Nicolas who inherited a fortune. He spent the rest of his life giving his wealth away to the poor children. Nicolas rose to become a bishop in the early Christian church and died on December 6th 343 AD. Tales of his good works followed his death and he was made the patron saint of children around 800 AD.

His memory was carried along through the ages by the Dutch who celebrated his birthday every December 6th. The current name of Santa Claus is an evolution of Sinter Klaus, the Dutch name for St. Nicolas. From there the tale gets crazier as it rolls down the years through other cultures.

It is not clearly known how the Nordic culture of the North Pole, the snow, reindeer, sleights full of toys, a workshop with toy-making elves, got attached to the myth. Nor is it known how the act of delivering all those toys, down the chimney, all in one night could happen. But here we are.

In some cultures, not all kids were rewarded with toys. The Austrians also included the anti-Santa, Krampus into their celebration. Krampus, was a child-eating ogre who roamed the dark streets of Austrian towns every December 6th. It was his job to eat the naughty kids who were not on Santa's nice list. This part of the myth was not widely spread and mercifully evolved into giving a lump of coal to the naughty kids instead of eating them. This was a huge relief to Austrian children.

The question of whether Christmas is a religious holiday is open for discussion. The Santa based folks say that Christmas is a non-religious event. Santa loves everyone, and there are no references to God or other religious beliefs in any part of the festivities. Christians, on the other hand, say that the word Christmas is the modern pronunciation of the Latin, Cristes Maesse, meaning Christ's mass and that Christmas is a religious holiday that commemo-



Thomas Nast drew this image of Jolly Old Santa Claus in 1881.

rates the birth of Jesus, on December 25th.

However, the date of Jesus' birth is not well established. In 1038 AD, Pope Julius I chose Dec 25th as the day to celebrate Jesus' birth. He picked the date because it coincided with the Roman holiday, Saturnalia. Saturnalia was a pagan festival that involved drinking and feasting and carrying on. Pope Julius I thought, since all the citizens of Rome were having a party the Christians should have their celebration then too.

It should be noted that the date of Jesus' birth has never been definitively established. Scholars saw paintings of Mary and Joseph in the manger, and they did not appear to be cold and the vegetation the artists drew showed leaves and green grass not brown as it would have been in December. Also, scholars chose the December date from the thought that Jesus was conceived in March or April. They then advanced nine months from his conception, not his birth, to arrive at his birthday in December. How the day of his conception was determined is not known, but clearly this method of dating is fraught with error. In defense of the Christians, Pope Julius I never said December 25th was the actual day of Jesus' birth. He said that was the date Christians should celebrate his birth.

The question of how the Christmas season became as fantastic as it is now, comes stems from the cumulative inputs from various cultures.

Think of the entirety of the story as a huge snowball rolling forward to the present. Pieces of all the cultures it rolled over are, without rhyme or reason, stuck to it: A cozy workshop in the North Pole, elves to build the toys, brightly lit trees, yule logs, jolly Santa, a sleigh piled high with toys pulled by reindeer that can land on a roof top, and a jolly plump Santa that can fit down a chimney while remembering the toys that every child in the world wants. Oh please!

However, despite its improbability, this childish fantasy was brought into a reality by nineteenth century artists. Washington Irving wrote about the Dutch's version of Christmas, Clement Moore penned the poem, "The Night Before Christmas" and Thomas Nast, a commercial artist, drew the modern-day version of Santa for magazines which is in our minds today.

If logic is our metric, the myth of Santa is impossible to take seriously. But, logic should not apply in all instances. To decry the myth of Santa requires us to ignore its value. An article written by the editor of the New York Sun in 1897 to Virginia O'Hanlon says it best. "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love, generosity, and devotion." So, we should never abandon the myth of Christmas just because it isn't logical. Instead, we must keep it close to our heart, as it reflects the very best of human nature and how we could interact with everybody all year long.▲



Grateful to be part of a community that supports so many charitable causes and recognizes the sacrifices of our country's military. One particular "runner" in the



Bohicket Half-Marathon/5K who caught my eye was "Tuba" the bulldog who clearly enjoyed stopping at the water station.

Thanks to the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club who sponsored and staffed the race.

Susan Soden



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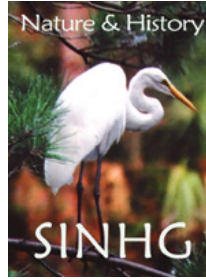
The holiday season is here, and with comes chilly weather in Charleston. You can warm up with hot cider or feel merry and bright with a peppermint libation at cozy bars and restaurants around town.

Check out these seven fall + winter cocktails that will get you in the holiday spirit.

- Eggnog** | Vintage Lounge, 545 King St. | Sip on this seasonal favorite starting on Black Friday and check out Toddy Tuesday for weekly hot toddies.
- Irish Coffee** | Élevé, 55 Wentworth St. | The Irish Coffee at this rooftop restaurant features whiskey, whipped cream, and nutmeg + will warm you right up.
- Peach Cobbler Martini** | Kaminsky's Dessert Cafe, 78 N. Market St. | Delight in RumChata, Peach Schnapps, and cream in this martini through the end of November + stay tuned for the cafe's winter cocktail menu.
- Call It a Night** | Little Palm Bar, 237 Meeting St. | Try a specialty cocktail with vodka, cold brew coffee, cacao, and butterscotch this winter at Little Palm — check out the Little Pine holiday pop-up beginning Wednesday, Nov. 23.
- Jingle All the Way** | Hotel Bennett, 404 King St. | Served out of the lobby's life-size gingerbread house, this hot chocolate beverage with marshmallows will be available from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.
- Peppermint White Russian** | Blind Tiger Pub, 36-38 Broad St. | Enjoy this cocktail with peppermint cream, Kahlua, and a candy cane garnish by the fire pit starting Thursday, Dec. 1 at the bar's tree lighting event.
- Hot Apple Cider** | The Dewberry Hotel, 334 Meeting St. | Celebrate National Apple Cider Day with this seasonal libation served in the Living Room, or sip on the hotel's classic hot chocolate.

Before you go, here's a party favor: **Bulldog Tours** is offering its **Holiday Strolls Cocktail Tour** combining the yuletide history tour featuring stories of Charleston's Christmases past with stops at three festive lounges for a signature holiday cocktail. ▲

From CHS Today



Evening Program Expores 'LOST CHARLESTON'



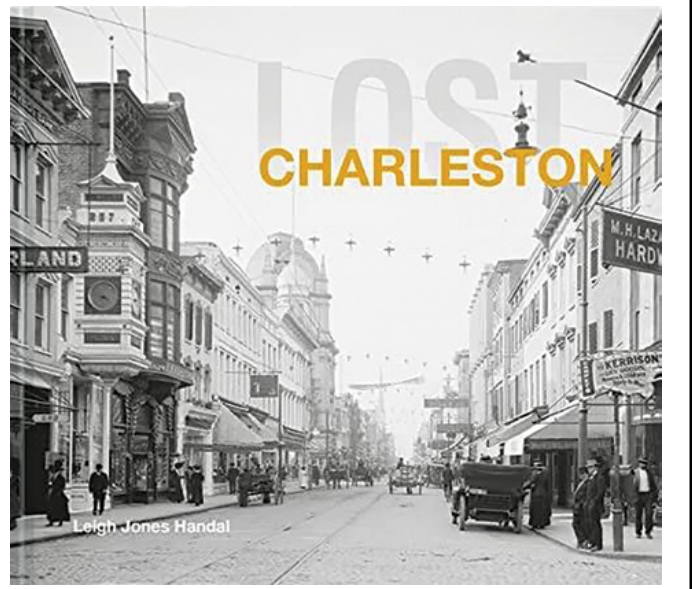
Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) had to postpone their program "Lost Charleston" due to Tropical Storm Nicole. It is now rescheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm at The Lake House.

The presentation will explore "Lost Charleston" with author Leigh Handal, whose book of the same title was published in 2019. It will recall the many mansions, hotels, markets, and restaurants that disappeared during much of the 20th century when the city reinvented itself as a tourist destination after the devastations of the Civil War and natural disasters such as the 1886 earthquake.

Handel has also co-authored the training manual used by the city's licensed tour guides, and is active in the preservation campaign for the St. James Goose Creek Chapel of Ease Historical site. Professionally, Handel worked for many years in public relations and has served as the local chapter president of the Public Relations Society of America. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and The College of Charleston, for which she served as president of the college's Alumni Association. ▲

SINHG Evening Programs are open to all Seabrook Island residents and guests. There is a \$5 fee for non-SINHG members. To learn more about SINHG, visit www.sinhg.org.

To make reservations, visit the SINHG website. If you already registered for the canceled November 10 date, you do not need to re-register. ▲



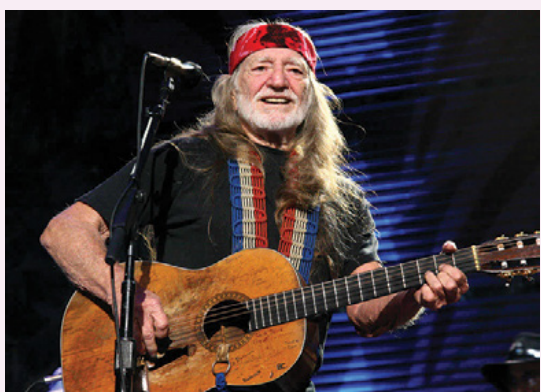
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James Island Holiday Festival of Lights
November 11 - December 31, 2022
5:30-10:00 p.m. • James Island County Park


HUMOUR
THE *Seabrooker*

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to travel

I feel like Willie Nelson's been the same age my whole life.

March 1876 - Alexander Graham Bell makes the first phone call ever.



Moments later - He is notified that his car's warranty has expired.



SIAG presents
Gary Kunkelman
December Artist of the Month

Gary works in oils and pastels in a variety of subject areas, including marine art, Low Country landscapes and portraits. In recent years he's done numerous works for corporate clients, mainly maritime scenes from the colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War eras. As a studio painter he typically works on a painting— particularly detailed ship and historical works— over weeks or months, using layers of transparent glazes. Gary notes, "It's not a fast way to paint, but the result is something I don't get with a more direct approach."

One of those detailed paintings now in the works, is a large canvas for the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the American Battlefield Trust. Gary states, "It's a Revolutionary War scene that actually took place on Seabrook. The British landed tens of thousands of troops here in 1780, beginning the Siege of Charleston and the war in the South. The painting's from the van-

tage of the British on North Beach, with troops in the foreground and ships beyond. It's a little-known piece of history."

In addition to maritime and Low Country paintings, he plans to show a few "different things" at the December exhibit, including paintings of people.

Gary studied for nearly a decade with marine artist Jack Coggins and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Following a career in journalism and advertising he taught professional writing at Penn State. Over the next 21 years at Penn State, he also taught studio painting and American history. He and wife Kathy moved to Seabrook full-time in 2014.

There will be reception on Thursday, December 1st for Gary. Come out, talk with Gary and enjoy viewing his magnificent works of art.

You can also see his work at www.garykunkelman.com.▲

Beth Wright



●●●●● For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, ●●●●● its membership, classes, events and workshops, please visit our website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com



RACQUET CLUB NEWS

The Racquet Sports Complex is at a very exciting juncture as we embark upon improvements that are slated to begin on November 14. Our goal during this process is to communicate weekly so you are aware of court closures, changes to the operation, or anything that could infringe upon the safety of our Members and their guests. We anticipate that there will be times

more disruptive than others, so if you have any questions, please call the Racquet Sports Pro Shop at 843.768.7543. Laura, Robert, and the Racquet Sports Team will do everything they can to ensure that we can utilize as many courts as possible but know that the most important aspect is your safety. We will post signage frequently should traffic patterns be affected and ask

that you follow our recommendations.

Phase 1A consists of improvements to our hardscape and landscape, and we are hopeful that we can proceed in phases so that you can still enjoy the courts that are accessible. Thank you for being so supportive during this time. We are all looking forward to elevating your Racquet Sports experience.▲

Week of November 14
Permits and Fees, as required, addressed and paid Based on plans approved by SIPOA: submitted by ELM
Site Work
Tree Protection/Silt Fence Installation as Required
Layout as Required

Week of November 21
Site Work - demolition/removal
Irrigation layout

A Week on Bordeaux's Canal de Garonne

Kelly and Thad Peterson; Inger and Derek Fyfe; and Lucy and Ray Hoover

I was pleased this month to include a travelogue of three Seabrook couples who met each other here and thereafter planned this wonderful vacation in France. And I must admit a certain sense of romance about that country from the timeless wine chateaux of Burgundy and Bordeaux, the expat days of Hemingway and Scott Fitzgerald in Paris and Piaf singing 'Non, je ne regrette rien.'

Mike Morris, Editor

It is Fall in the French Bordeaux. Ahead we spot a lone figure. It is Nichole peddling her bike down the tree-lined towpath towards us. She is not only our sommelier and tour guide but also an efficient "herder" of lost, late, or errant passengers. After a morning tour in the village of Nérac and lunch at Le Moulin des Saveurs, five of us needed a walk. Ahead our barge is within the lock and has almost lowered to the discharge point before continuing its trip down the canal.

We would need to quicken our pace if we hoped to re-board. The late afternoon sun streams through the trees, creating patches of dappled light on the ground. The gravel towpath we had strolled along for the last mile and a half is strewn with the dry, brittle brown leaves falling from sycamores along the path. The crunch of gravel and the rustle of leaves underfoot was a sound we didn't hear back home in the South Carolina Lowcountry, but that is not where we are now. Instead, we're along the Canal de Garonne a few miles upstream of the tiny village of Le Mas-d'Agenais, sixty miles southeast of Bordeaux. The Barge Rosa is waiting for us – we had better hurry.

The fragrance of autumn was in the air. The sky was blue and clear, with only a few wispy white clouds, and the temperature was pleasantly crisp. With the unseasonably dry weather, the wine grapes and much of the local farm produce had already been harvested. Once standing defiantly proud, the fields of sunflowers were slumped, colorless, and lifeless, their seed pods awaiting to be collected. Only rows of ripening apples in the carefully groomed orchards remained to be gathered.

The fourth night of gastronomic adventure awaited us in an hour and a half; it would be another evening of indulgence with Chef Stefan's unique culinary talent. With each creation, he had outdone those that

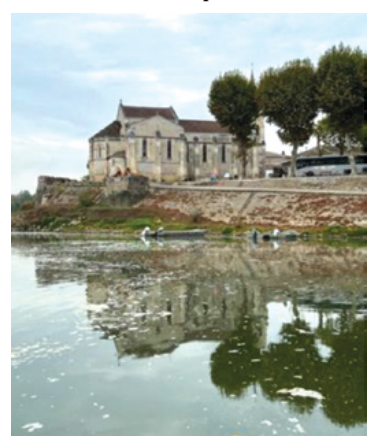
preceded the days before, all somehow magically prepared in a kitchen the size of a small closet. But first, affable Agatha was awaiting with plates of nibbles and chilled glasses of French white wine. Life in Bordeaux during the second week of October 2022 was good.

Back onboard the Rosa, a flock of bright white egrets flew low over the river's placid surface as a nearby church bell in the nearby village of Le Mas-d'Agenais announced the 7:00 evening hour; the time when Captain Julian is required to moor our barge and when activity through the numerous locks on the canal ceases before resuming at 9:00 AM the next morning. The day's activities are officially over, and soon it would be time for Agatha to ply us with a new round of tempting appetizers and aperitifs before dinner. And this was just one afternoon in a week of adventurous gastronomy, exploration of the French countryside, bike rides, strolls along the canal's tree-lined towpath, and precious hours of camaraderie with dear friends.

The idea of a canal cruise in Bordeaux was born exactly a year before on a yellow houseboat moored in Sausalito, California, within San Francisco Bay. Instead of a few days on the stationary houseboat, on this adventure, three couples would transverse the Canal de Garonne for 55 miles from Boé to Castets et Castillon through the French countryside. And best yet, there would be a dedicated onboard crew of four, including a personal French chef.

Our floating home and principal means of transportation for the week would be the Rosa; a 100-ton barge converted from a sailing vessel some years back. Painted in a deep cobalt blue color with red and yellow accents, the Rosa reflected the idealized image of the ubiquitous European river bateau: pretending to be regal but comfortably homey instead. Her nose proudly points up slightly with the pretense of sassiness underlying her Dutch pedigree but with an adoring grandmother's warm, matronly embrace. The old girl tried her best to convey an air of aloof old-world continental arrogance but couldn't; it was just not in her friendly, welcoming nature.

cipale, fromage, and dessert courses. Opportunities for le digestif always followed. Over the week, our talented crew made sure that our appreciation of fine Michelin-quality French haute-cuisine and local wine increased as much as our waistlines were destined to expand.



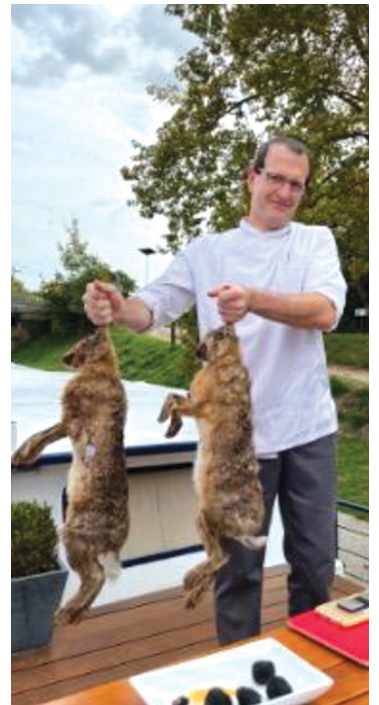
It was an international affair, with six passengers from the South Carolina Lowcountry, all with previous roots in Atlanta but who had never met before relocating to Seabrook Island. But there was also Captain Julian from East London; his wife, Dutch-born Nichole, sommelier, and guide extraordinaire; attentive and personable Agatha from Poland and French-trained culinary master Chef Stefan. Committed to ensuring our adventure would be memorable, our crew delivered beyond the limits of our wildest expectations.

From East London, now living in Ste, France, Cockney accented Captain Julian masterfully orchestrated our week of adventure. The captain runs a well-organized ship as its pilot, navigator, general manager, quality assurance officer, and chief mechanic who knows his boat's every square inch, nut, bolt, and oil pan. With an ever-present twinkle of mischief in his eyes, and when not scurrying around his boat, Julian is a witty storyteller luring his unsuspecting audience into hilarious tall tales of total implausibility.

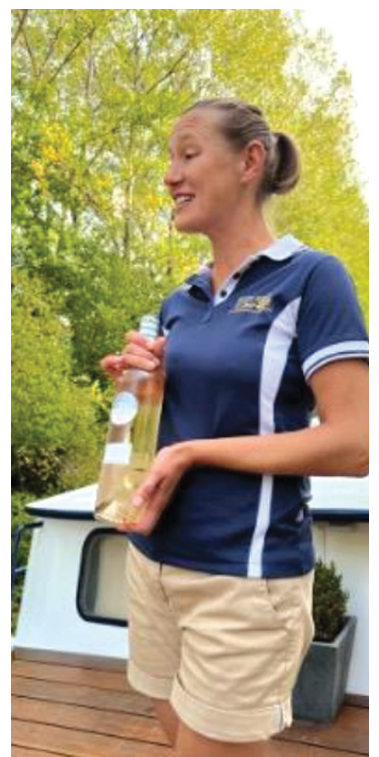
Nichole possesses a magical ability to be everywhere at once. Somehow, she can "transport" herself throughout the Bordeaux in mystical ways. She would help to

launch the barge from its overnight mooring, greet us at each new lock along the way, and locate missing passengers hiking or biking along the canal's towpaths and nearby villages. Her knowledge of all things in the Bordeaux is stunningly impressive. Either on a bike or in her van, Nichole was always there. We accused her of having identical twins, triplets, or even quadruplets strategically positioned along the route — no one could be in all those places simultaneously as Nichole had been that week.

Agatha and Stefan conspired to make any semblance of gastronomic self-constraint impossible; Agatha's chronically infectious cheerfulness, breakfast feasts, afternoon appetizers, bottomless wine glasses, pre-dinner cocktails, and luxuriant mid-dinner cheese courses prepared us for the inventive artistry of Chef Stefan's masterpieces. Always quiet in voice and reserved in nature,



For the week, Kelly and Thad Peterson, Inger and Derek Fyfe, and Lucy and I would become immersed within southwestern France's countryside, discovering charming, quaint, warm tan-colored villages, wall-encapsulated medieval bastides, winding farm roads, artisan wine, goat cheese, and Armagnac producers and a Rembrandt masterpiece hidden within a tiny church. We would cruise through hectares of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Semillon vineyards and fields of red apple and purple plum orchards. Over thirty vintages of local whites, reds, and roses from the French regions' wine appellations were selected to complement multiple hors-d'oeuvres and 32 uniquely prepared entrée, plat prin-





Chef Stefan spoke instead through the creative genius of his cooking with a week of the best French cuisine any of us have ever had; or will ever have. "Unique" is a word too often overused, but not in connection with Stefan's triumphal creations. A young Monet of the kitchen, his dishes' flavors, and visual presentations were a feast for both the palate and the eyes.

Echoes will long endure, "May I top that off?" when Julian discovers a nearly empty wine glass, or Agatha's "Are we ready yet for nibbles?" launching hours of nightly feasting. So will "That's where you are." after Nichole finds us miles from the barge or when Stefan proudly displays two hares to be featured as the "pièce de résistance" during our last dinner. And no one will forget Derek's nightly guitar strumming or our

group's serenade thanking the crew for a once-in-a-lifetime week with a new creation, "The Twelve Days of Bordeaux." All will be remembered for years.

This adventure would also profoundly open a new dimension never imagined or anticipated before we boarded our flights from Charleston to Paris. Though Lucy and I had known the Fyfe's for eight years and the Peterson's for five, away from the distractions of community and family, we learned more about each other than we had in all those years before. While untethered from the routine obligations of community and family, we shared the circuitous twists and turns that brought us to our little island haven in the South Carolina Lowcountry. From far disparate early childhood roots in England, Denmark, Sweden, Colorado,



Texas, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, fate and serendipity brought the six of us together as neighbors. But the experience of sharing life's litany of many joys and challenges while on board a small blue barge on a canal in the French Bordeaux will forever bond us as close friends.

It was a week of enriching friendship, gastronomic overindulgence, and a celebration of the beautifully inspiring southwest corner of the French countryside. Viva the experience together on the Barge Rosa with great friends cruising down the Canal de Garonne through the vineyards of the French Bordeaux!

Author's aside: Before arriving in France, we knew that four days in Paris and a week onboard the Rosa would be a caloric-rich extravaganza. To prepare for the consequences of so much "over-consumption," we committed to a program of extensive walking while in Europe; otherwise, we were worried about the excessive baggage charges the airlines would impose on us with all the weight gain. Based on the final computations from Lucy's Fitbit, 96,453 steps were logged in Paris; in Bordeaux, 37,769; in Spain, 76,943 totaling 211,165 paces or the equivalent of 105.58 miles. Despite this impressive achievement,

all but two of the six of us gained a substantial amount of "additional baggage."

Footnote: Sadly, while friends Sam Unger and Claudia Arkush were in Brittany and Normandy, an unexpected and obnoxiously stubborn COVID virus paid Claudia an unwelcomed last-minute visit preventing them from joining us on the Rosa. Both being wine lovers and foodies, they would have loved it. Thankfully, Claudia fully recovered with only very mild symptoms, while Sam remained unscathed. We missed them.▲

Ray Hoover



Santé!

*Jusqu'à notre prochaine fois ensemble...
(Until our next time together...)*



Calling All Hoosiers






Seabrook Island residents are preparing for the 10th Annual Indiana Day on Sunday, December 11, 2022 to celebrate the 206th anniversary of the state's admittance into the Union on December 11, 1816. The gathering has become an annual event which includes food, drinks, games, prizes, and singing all with a lot of Hoosier gusto.

Participants (Including spouses and significant others) are asked to bring a hearty appetizer to share. The organizing committee will

provide plates, utensils, and soft drinks (BYOB). Participants are also asked to donate \$5 per person to cover costs associated with the event. The event takes place at the Oyster Catcher Community Center on Seabrook Island beginning at 6:00 P.M. and will last until 8:30.

If you have a connection (Born, raised, lived, educated, traveled through; anything works) and would like to attend, please contact Max Willis at 843-768-8301 or mwillissc@yahoo.com. ▲

JOIN US ON AN AFRICAN SAFARI
DEC 15 - OPEN TO ALL

When: Thursday, December 15, 6:30-8:00 pm
Location: The Lake House Refreshments @ 6:30, Presentation 7:00-8:00pm
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Contact Maureen Healy (mehealy@live.com) with questions

Join us on a photo journey of Africa by Safari. From Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda, to amazing landscapes and dunes in Namibia and Zambia and one of the Seven Wonders of the World - Victoria Falls. Plus lots of wildlife highlights from Kruger National Park.

This will be part travelogue and part photo sharing with our hope to inspire those who haven't yet been to Africa to visit this incredible place. (We'll also provide info about the safari experience and tour guides we used.)

This session will be led by Photo Club Members Bill Breunsbach, Barbara Erlandson and Maureen Healy.

TOWN OF KIAWAH Arts & CULTURAL EVENTS



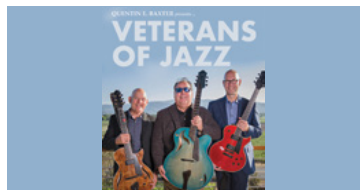
Holidays Around the World
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
 WEST BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER
 TIME: 5:00 PM
 PRICE: NO CHARGE, BUT TICKETS REQUIRED
 TICKET RELEASE: 10/21



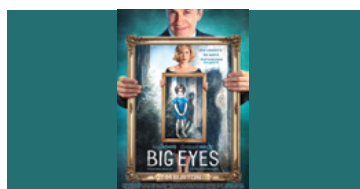
Madrigal Dinner Featuring the Taylor Festival Choir
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
 THE SANDCASTLE
 TIME: 6:30 PM
 PRICE: \$125
 TICKET RELEASE: 12/1



Liquid Pleasure
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH
 WEST BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 PRICE: \$15
 TICKET RELEASE: 12/29



Quentin E. Baxter Presents . . . The Veterans of Jazz
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
 TURTLE POINT CLUBHOUSE
 4:00 PM
 PRICE: \$30 OR \$75 FOR SERIES @ BAXTERMUSIC.COM
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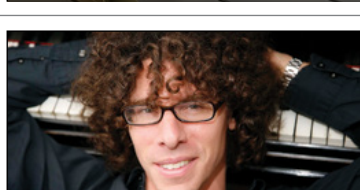
Art Film Series - Big Eyes
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH
 THE SANDCASTLE
 TIME: 3:00-5:00 PM
 PRICE: NO CHARGE
 NO TICKETS REQUIRED



Ranky Tanky
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST
 WEST BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 PRICE: \$15
 TICKET RELEASE: 12/9



Piano Bar - Hunter Feick
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH
 THE SANDCASTLE
 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 NO CHARGE
 NO TICKETS REQUIRED



Julian Gargiulo, Pianist
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH
 THE SEABROOK ISLAND CLUB
 7:30 PM
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Tickets are on sale now until the program sells out! ▲

Vienna Light Orchestra Christmas Concert

December 16, 2022 - December 18, 2022
South Carolina Society Hall • 72 Meeting Street



With over two thousand flickering candles illuminating the performers, The VIENNA LIGHT ORCHESTRA will feature some of the worlds most beloved Christmas favorites, played by world-class musicians over the course of 60 mesmerizing minutes
VIENNA LIGHT ORCHESTRA — CHRISTMAS —

Whether you're looking for a beautiful and unique Charleston Christmas event or a nostalgic candlelit experience, the timeless

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Held in specially selected venues in comfortable idyllic settings

so you can immerse yourself with Christmas music in a relaxed but awe inspiring atmosphere bathed by the flicker of over two thousand candlelights. Prepare to soar into the clouds! This concert series is coming to the South Carolina Society Hall, a historical venue of purpose and elegance located on the Charleston peninsula, just a block away from the historical Rainbow Row. ▲

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens
Nov. 30 - Dec. 21, 2022
Holiday Show at The
Historic Dock Street Theatre

Adapted for the Stage by Julian Wiles
Music Arranged and Orchestrated by Sam Henderson
Additional Lyrics by Julian Wiles
Direction by Julian Wiles
Music Direction by Sam Henderson



Charleston Coastal Choir
presents
Welcome the Holidays!
Van McCollum, Conductor
Jessica Minahan White, Piano
Save the Date!
Monday, December 5, 2022
at five o'clock
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Johns Island

DEC. FRESHFIELDS VILLAGE EVENTS

Strolling Holiday Performers

Tackle your holiday shopping in the Village while enjoying live music and strolling carolers each Saturday & Sunday ahead of Christmas! The shops and restaurants are prepped and ready to make your shopping a breeze this season. So make Freshfields Village your one-stop-shop as you sip, shop, and socialize in Lowcountry, High Style.

Saturday, December 3 Chris Crosby Duo / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Sunday, December 11 Strolling Carolers / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 4 Strolling Carolers / 11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Saturday, December 17 Travis Allison / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Saturday, December 10 Dave Landeo / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Sunday, December 18 Strolling Carolers / 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

LETTERS TO SANTA

November 25 - December 19

As Santa arrives on Friday, November 25, Freshfields Village invites guests to drop Letters to Santa in our special mailbox this holiday season. The mailbox will be located near the Christmas Trees on the Village Green and the letters will be delivered directly to Santa via his elves.

Full schedules and details online:
freshfieldsvillage.com/events

The Seabrook Island Garden Club is happy to sponsor the 2022:

Home for the Holidays LIGHT UP Contest!

Seabrook Island is very special. Let's show our community spirit this holiday season. Decorate your Mailbox, Doorway or Entire Yard with lights! This family fun activity is open to ALL Seabrook Island residents. Let's celebrate the season and our special island as a community!

It's simple to enter. Send us your address and email to:
seabrookislandgardenclub@gmail.com

Entries must be received by **December 19th at 5PM.**
The contest is limited to the **first 25 entrants.**
Judging will take place **December 20th at 6PM.**
Winner will be announced **December 21st.**
(A map will be provided upon request by emailing the garden club.)

Let's LIGHT UP Seabrook Island!
(For a chance to win a \$50 gift card from The Tree House, home and garden shop on Main Road!)

BLOOD DRIVE

AT THE LAKE HOUSE

It's that time of year again! The merriest time of the year. The opportunity is coming on
Thursday December 15, 2022
10:30 to 3:30
to make your gift count.

The Seabrook Island Blood Drive will be held at the Lake House. The Drive is open to all and the need is critical. Contact RedCrossblood.org, Donor APP: code Seabrook to schedule your appointment.

Not sure of your schedule, walk ins are warmly welcomed. You can also cut down on your interview time by using RedCrossblood.org/Rapid Pass the day of your donation.

Questions? Contact Kathy Rigrup at 973-715-3005 or ktrup2@aol.com
We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!



SEABROOK ISLAND
Real Estate



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Marsh/Ocean View | 4 BR | 4F & 2H BA | 6,390 SF



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Marsh/Ocean/Creek View | 4 BR | 3F & 2H BA | 4,325 SF



3017 Rascal Run Court - \$2,900,000
Marsh/Ocean View | 3 BR | 3.5 BA | 3,357 SF



2250 Bohicket Creek Place - \$2,195,000
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2475 The Haul Over - \$2,150,000
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Proposed Construction | 5 BR | 5.5 BA | 3,063 SF



2730 Old Forest Drive - \$1,980,000
Lagoon View | 4 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,765 SF



2001 Geranium Lane - \$675,000
The Arbors, Johns Island | 4 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,657 SF



1812 Longbend Drive - \$589,000
Marsh View | 3 BR | 2 BA | 1,550 SF



166 High Hammock Villa - \$409,999
Golf Course View | 1 BR | 2 BA | 1,026 SF

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